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Be careful while making remarks, Zameer told

BENGALURU

The Congress, which has been in damage-control mode over the statement of former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan on Vokkaligas, on Monday issued a stern warning and asked him to be careful in the future in making public remarks.

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'Courts, tribunals should note changing situations'

BENGALURU

Observing that the courts and the tribunals will have to be alive to changing situations in awarding compensation in road accident cases, the High Court of Karnataka has said that it would result in grave injustice if notional income is calculated based on the parameters existed in 1992 to award compensation for the death occurred in 2013.

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Two jumbos electrocuted near Kushalnagar

MYSURU

Two elephants died when they accidentally came into contact with a live 11 kV wire dangling from a pole in Nellihudikeri, near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district.

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Droupadi Murmu is President of India

This is not my personal achievement, it is the achievement of every poor person in India, she says

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Droupadi Murmu took the oath of office as the 15th President of India on Monday, and created history by being the first tribal head of state and second woman to occupy the country's highest constitutional post.

"That I attained the post of President is not my personal achievement; it is the achievement of every poor person in India. My election is a proof of the fact that the poor in India can have dreams and fulfil them too," the new President said after being sworn in by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana at the Central Hall of the Parliament. Ms. Murmu, who succeeds Ram Nath Kovind, is India's youngest President at 64.

She took her oath of office in Hindi and in the name of God to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law."

"It is a tribute to the power of our democracy that a daughter born in a remote tribal area can reach the highest constitutional position in India," she said as she marked her journey from Odisha's Mayurbhanj – one of the most underdeveloped districts in India – to the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Change of guard: Newly sworn-in President Droupadi Murmu and outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind, during the Guard of Honour at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday. She created history by becoming the first tribal head of state. • R.V. MOORTHY

Tribal flair in first speech

Beginning her speech with the traditional tribal greeting of *Johar* to ending it with a poem by Odia saint Bhim Bhoi, Ms. Murmu's address invoked India's tribal legacy. She said her election reflected the dreams and potential of women and daughters of the country. ▸ PAGE 11

Support from all quarters

Dignitaries and leaders from across the political spectrum congratulated Ms. Murmu on assuming office as the country's 15th President. They include Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Congress leader P. Chidambaram and NCP leader Sharad Pawar. ▸ PAGE 11

Xi Jinping sends regards

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to India's new President Droupadi Murmu. The message marked his first direct public communication with India since an offer of assistance during the 2021 COVID-19 second wave. ▸ PAGE 11

Plaudits from the world

Several world leaders, including the Presidents of Russia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal congratulated Droupadi Murmu on Monday and expressed their desire to work with her to enhance their respective nation's multifaceted ties with India. ▸ PAGE 11

Myanmar executes political prisoners

They include former NLD lawmaker

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
YANGON

Myanmar's junta has executed four prisoners, including a former lawmaker from Aung San Suu Kyi's party and a prominent activist, state media said on Monday, in the country's first use of capital punishment in decades.

The executions sparked widespread condemnation, heightened fears that more death sentences will follow, and prompted calls for the international community to take sterner measures against the already-isolated junta.

The four were executed for leading "brutal and inhumane terror acts", the *Global New Light of Myanmar* newspaper said, without saying when or how the men were killed.

The junta has sentenced dozens of anti-coup activists to death as part of its crackdown on dissent after seizing power last year, but Myanmar had not carried out an execution for decades.

Phyo Zeya Thaw, a former lawmaker from Ms. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) who was arrested in November, was sentenced to death in January for offences under anti-terrorism laws. Democracy activist Kyaw Min Yu – better known as "Jimmy" – received the same sentence from the military tribunal.

Family members of the two men gathered outside Yangon's Insein prison after news of the executions was published, in the hope of retrieving their bodies, local media reported.

The two other men were sentenced to death for killing a woman they alleged was an informer for the junta in Yangon.

The NLD – which won a landslide in 2020 elections before being ousted by the military months later – said it was "devastated" by the news.

Responding to media enquiries on reports of the executions, a junta statement said "it is as stated in the state media".

Global condemnation

The executions drew immediate condemnation from the U.S., which slammed the regime for the "execution of pro-democracy leaders and elected officials for exercising their fundamental freedoms".

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No Bill to stop attacks on hospitals

In RTI reply, Ministry says it has been decided not to pursue the draft legislation

A.S. JAYANTH
KOZHIKODE

The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has withdrawn the draft legislation on protection of healthcare workers and healthcare institutions from violence, which proposed a jail term of up to five years and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh for the offenders.

This was revealed in the Ministry's reply to a query filed under the Right to Information Act by K.V. Babu, a Kannur-based ophthalmologist and RTI activist, on July 5, seeking the status of the Healthcare Service Personnel & Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill, 2019.

He sought copies of the comments received on the draft from the stakeholders and exchanges between the Health and Home Ministries and file notings, if any. In its July 20 reply, the Health Ministry said: "It is informed that it was decided not to pursue the draft legislation further." Copy of file notings and letters could be obtained after payment of the requisite fee, the reply added.

Work pressure: The law had proposed a jail term up to five years and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh for the offenders. • FILE PHOTO

"During a debate on an Ordinance in the Rajya Sabha to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the then Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had said that there was a dramatic decline in the number of incidents of violence against health workers ever since the Ordinance was brought in. The Ordinance had proposed to make incidents of violence on health workers treating COVID-19 patients a non-bailable offence. That means a strong law will have an impact," Dr. Babu said.

The Ordinance pertained only to health workers involved in COVID-19 treatment. "From the RTI reply, however, it looks like the government is not keen on expanding the ambit of the Ordinance to all healthcare workers," he said.

The legislation was proposed to address the violence against healthcare workers and damage to clinical establishments. Any case under the Act will have to be investigated by an officer of rank not lower than Deputy Superintendent of Police.

The offence was proposed to be cognisable and non-bailable.

The convict was liable to pay as compensation twice the fair market value of the damaged property or the loss caused; ₹1 lakh for causing hurt to healthcare service personnel; and ₹5 lakh for causing grievous hurt to healthcare personnel.

If the compensation is unpaid, the said sum shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue under the Revenue Recovery Act, 1890.

Bommai: Centre won't implement draft notification of ESA in W. Ghats for now

'It will await report from a high-level committee headed by retired IFS officer'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Centre has informed a delegation from Karnataka that the draft notification of Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) in Western Ghats will not be implemented till the report from a high-level committee headed by retired IFS officer Sanjay Kumar is received on the issue.

This was disclosed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who led the delegation to the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav on Monday to clarify the State's stand. "All States having Western Ghats have got another chance now to convince the ground realities."

The Chief Minister also announced that a high-level committee at the State-level will be set up in Karnataka based on the terms of reference of the committee set up by the Centre. "The State committee will help in providing facts, figures and ground realities when the Centrally appointed committee visits the State. The State will ask for consideration of village as a unit and to hear the views of the gram panchayat when the committee comes," he said, terming the Kasturirangan Committee report as "unscientific".

He said that the high-level committee has been set up to conduct research on cultural and natural landscapes in the area and submit a report within one year, and till then the Centre will not operationalise the draft notification.

A delegation of MPs and MLAs led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai withUnion Minister Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Bommai said that Karnataka will also discuss with other States that share Western Ghats for a common cause, and Mr. Yadav has been invited to visit the State to understand ground realities. While reiterating the State's stand on the ESA in Western Ghats, the Chief Minister said that the delegation apprised the Union Minister of the ground realities in the Western Ghat region in the State. "The State has opposed it earlier too. Recently, the Cabinet opposed the same. Earlier also, all States had opposed the recommendation of the Gadgil Committee," the Chief Minister told reporters in Delhi.

He clarified that the State government was not opposed to the demarcation of red zone that prohibits establishment of industries to come up.

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CET results on July 30

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Results of the Common Entrance Test (CET) will be announced on July 30. This was announced by Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan on Monday.

The entrance exam, which was held for admissions to various professional courses like engineering and others, was conducted amid tight security this time.

Students studying under the CBSE and ICSE syllabus in Class XII were also allowed to appear for CET this year. Now that their board exam results have been declared, those who had written CET should upload their marks on the KEA website by Tuesday evening, he said.

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CCB nabs terror suspect working as food delivery executive in city

His associate from T.N. also detained

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a joint operation with Central agencies, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a terror suspect who had taken shelter in Bengaluru and had been working as a food delivery executive since one year.

The accused, Akhtar Hussain, 23, a native of Assam, was living with four others in a rented house at Tilaknagar here.

According to officials, the accused was in constant touch with a terror organisation through his Telegram account and social media, and was planning a meeting soon to discuss about possible subversive activities.

The CCB team kept a close watch on his activities for a few days, before arresting him on Sunday night. The police have also taken his roommates into custody for questioning.

The CCB also detained Zubair, an associate of Akhtar Hussain from Salem, Tamil Nadu. The police alleged that the duo was in touch with the terror group and was planning to join them soon. The CCB seized a mobile phone and other incriminating documents from Akhtar Hussain for further investigation.

Special teams

Meanwhile, four special teams of CCB have been formed to work with Central agencies to track down the network and the activities of Akhtar Hussain.

Akhtar Hussain was produced before the NIA Special Court and taken into 10-day custody till August 3, while four police teams were dispatched in different directions to work on the information secured through interrogation.

Akhtar Hussain, a high school dropout, hails from a poor family. It is being suspected that Akhtar Hussain was working as a delivery executive to know the topography of the city and its routes, the police said. The police are now checking his local contacts and the people with whom he was in regular touch.

The police suspect that Akhtar Hussain wanted to get recruited into the terror outfit and used to run a sleeper cell to execute subversive activities.

City police commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy said that Akhtar Hussain was radicalised and was arrested based on intelligence inputs and coordination with Central agencies and added there was ample evidence against him.

Second such incident

This is the second such incident reported in the city in recent times. On June 3, the city police, with a special team from Jammu and Kashmir, arrested Talib Hussain, an alleged member of the terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, from a residential locality in Okalipuram. The suspect was living with his family and working as a labourer in the city. A self-styled commander of the terror outfit, Talib was wanted in connection with the targeted killing of Hindus in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra lauded the city police for their efforts to contain terror and subversive activities.

Partha discharged on AIIMS report

Bengal Minister taken to the hospital on Calcutta HC order

STAFF REPORTER
BHUBANESWAR

West Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a teacher recruitment scam, was asked to get discharged from hospital as his condition was stable, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Bhubaneswar said here on Monday. Quoting the ED, the hospital said due to unavoidable reasons, he would stay in the AIIMS at night and leave for Kolkata in the morning.

Mr. Chatterjee was flown to the hospital on a Calcutta High Court order after the ED objected to his admission to SSKM Hospital in Kolkata on Saturday. He was arrested on Saturday and sent to two-day custody of the ED.

The Minister, however, complained of uneasiness. He had to be admitted to SSKM hospital based on a local court's order. The ED approached the Calcutta High Court against the local court's order. "He (Partha Chatterjee) was having problems because of his chronic illness. We investigated the matter and a report was submitted to the High Court. There was not much chest pain. He is in a stable condition and has been advised to get discharged today," said Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar.

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Freeze EC action: Uddhav camp

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Leaders of the Uddhav Thackeray camp of the Shiv Sena have approached the Supreme Court to freeze the proceedings before the Election Commission (EC) on a plea filed by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for recognition of his faction as the "real" Shiv Sena with the right to use the party symbol of 'bow and arrow' in future.

An application filed by the Thackeray camp alleged that the EC did not pay heed to the request to stop its proceedings as the multifaceted issue, starting from the breaking away of the Shinde group to the resignation of Mr. Thackeray as Chief Minister and its aftermath, was already being examined by the Supreme Court in its entirety.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

FEMA and PMLA cases

24,893 The number of cases taken up by the Directorate of Enforcement for investigation under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) provisions in the last ten years, according to Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudary. In the last decade, 3,985 cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) were also recorded. In 2021-22 alone, 5,313 cases were registered under FEMA, while 1,180 were recorded under PMLA. LOK SABHA

Vacant teaching posts

12,044 The number of teaching positions vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas (K.V.) across the country while over 9,000 teachers have been engaged on a contractual basis, according to the Education Ministry. The maximum vacant teaching positions are in Tamil Nadu (1,162), Madhya Pradesh (1,066) and Karnataka (1,006). The Union Minister of State for Education, Annapurna Devi added that 1,332 non-teaching posts were also vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas. PTI

Line of Credit

14.27 In $ billion, the worth of 37 Lines of Credit (LoC) India extended to Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka for 162 projects, according to the government in Parliament. In reply to a question, the Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan said that another 222 LoC worth $14.07 billion covering 357 projects have been extended to 42 countries in Africa. The Minister added that these projects covered varied sectors like roads, railways, power etc. PTI

Investing in defence

494 In ₹ crore, the amount received by India as foreign direct investment (FDI) in the defence sector since the revision of policy relating to FDI, according to the Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt. In the last few years, the government has taken a series of measures to boost domestic defence manufacturing. In 2020, the government announced increasing FDI limit from 49% to 74% under the automatic route and up to 100% through the government route in the defence sector. PTI

Vaccine diplomacy

23.9 In crore, the number of COVID-19 vaccinations supplied by India to 101 countries and UN entities in the form of a grant, commercial export, or through the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access portal as of July 15, 2022, Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar informed Parliament. The Minister said that as of July 19, 2022 a total of 200.34 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to beneficiaries above 12 years of age in the country. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The private sector boost in India's space industry

How does a strong space sector contribute to overall development? Why are private players being encouraged to invest?

THE GIST

- Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood stated earlier this month that the government would soon come up with a new space policy to increase private sector participation in the industry. Consultations have already been held and the final version of the policy would soon be referred to the Empowered Technology Group for further examination.
- Enhancing space technology would be beneficial to bolster connectivity and combat climate-related implications through a more secure and effective means.
- Private sector's involvement in the long term, as with other commercial sectors, is believed to help spur investment and expertise in the realm which is capital-intensive and demands high technology.

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood stated earlier this month that the government would soon come up with a new space policy that could initiate the rise of India's own "SpaceX-like ventures". Mr. Sood stated that the proposed move would increase private sector participation in the industry. Consultations have already been held and the final version of the policy would soon be referred to the Empowered Technology Group for further examination. According to Mr. Sood, India has not tapped into its complete potential in this sector. "In 2022, the space sector is witnessing what the information technology sector experienced in the 1990s. We will have our own SpaceX (SpaceX is Elon Musk's private space transportation company) in the next two years," he said.

Why is development in the space sector important?

Enhancing space technology would be beneficial to bolster connectivity and combat climate-related implications through a more secure and effective means.

The space avenue is an integration of the aerospace, IT hardware and telecom sectors. Investment in this arena would foster positive carryover effects to other sectors as well.

Satellites provide more accurate information on weather forecasts and assess (and record) long-term trends in the climate and habitability of a region. For example, by monitoring the long-term impact of climate change at regional, territorial, and national scales, governments would be able to devise more pragmatic and combative plans of action for farmers and dependent industries. Additionally, they can also serve as real-time monitoring and early-warning solutions against natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, wildfires, mining etc. Real-time tracking can also serve multiple purposes in defence.

As for connectivity, satellite communication can reach more remote areas where conventional networks would require a heavy complimenting infrastructure. Additionally, as to reliability, the World Economic Forum had stated (in September 2020) that satellite communication can help connect 49% of the world's unconnected population. In this light, it must be noted that satellite communications, which are used to facilitate telecommunication services, are among the major categories for investment in the space technology sector. Other prominent categories include spacecraft and equipment manufacturing.

What essentially needs to be remembered is that the space avenue is an integration of the aerospace, IT hardware and telecom sectors. It is thus argued that investment in this arena would foster positive carryover effects to other sectors as well.

Where does India stand in the global space market?

As per SpaceTech Analytics, India is the sixth-largest player in the industry internationally having 3.6% of the world's space-tech companies (as of 2021). U.S. holds the leader's spot housing 56.4% of all companies in the space-tech ecosystem. Other major players include U.K. (6.5%), Canada (5.3%), China (4.7%) and Germany (4.1%).

The Indian Space Industry was valued at $7 billion in 2019 and aspires to grow to $50 billion by 2024. The country's standout feature is its cost-effectiveness. India holds the distinction of being the first country to have reached the Mars' orbit in its first attempt and at $75 million – way cheaper than Western standards.

Most companies in the sector, globally, are involved in manufacture of spacecraft equipment and satellite communications. The Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh had stated earlier this month that of the 60-odd start-ups that had registered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), a majority of them were dealing in projects related to space debris management. As space becomes more congested with satellites, the technology would thus help in managing 'space junk' (debris of old spacecraft and satellites).

U.S. and Canada were the highest receivers of space-related investment in 2021. A scrutiny of SpaceTech data puts forth that U.S. alone has more companies in the sector than the next 15 countries combined. Forbes pointed out in May 2021 that, "...it helps when your country's government budget in the realm is six times larger than its nearest competitor." Its space budget was $41 billion in 2021, $23.3 billion of which was focused on NASA. The spur in research and innovation driven by government-led spending could also be attributed to the global concentration of considerable number of private investors in the country.

India's total budgetary allocation for FY2022-23 towards the Department of Space was ₹13,700 crore. Further, as per Tracxn data, funding into the sector's start-ups (in India) nearly tripled to $67.2 million on a year-over-year basis in 2021.

How is the private sector's involvement regulated in India?

In June 2020, the Union government announced reforms in the space sector enabling more private players to provide end-to-end services.

An announcement for the establishment of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) was made. It was mandated the task of promoting, authorising and licensing private players to carry out space activities. As an oversight and regulatory body, it is responsible for devising mechanisms to offer sharing of technology, expertise, and facilities free of cost (if feasible) to promote non-government private entities (NGPEs). . IN-SPACe's Monitoring and Promotion Directorate oversees NGPE's activities as per prescribed regulations and reports back in case any corrective actions or resolutions are required. ISRO shares its expertise in matters pertaining to quality and reliability protocols, documentations and testing procedure through IN-SPACe's 'interface mechanism'.

Additionally, constituted in March 2019, NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), is mandated to transfer the matured technologies developed by the ISRO to Indian industries. All of them are under the purview of the Ministry of Defence.

Private sector's involvement in the long term, as with other commercial sectors, is believed to help spur investment and expertise in the realm which is capital-intensive and demands high technology.

Dr. Singh had tabled in a written reply to the Lok Sabha in June 2021 that the space sector reforms were made with the intention to provide a "level playing field" to private companies in satellites, launches and space-based services.

The central idea was to bring forth a predictable policy and regulatory environment for them and additionally provide access to ISRO facilities and assets to improve their capacities.

EXPLAINER

The latest guidelines on arrests and bail orders

Why have fresh provisions been issued by the Supreme Court? What are the directions ordered with respect to undertrial prisoners?

G.S. BAJPAI
ANUBHAV KUMAR

The story so far: On July 11, a division bench of the Supreme Court of India in *Satender Kumar Antil vs CBI* laid down fresh guidelines on arrests in order to have strict compliance with the provisions of Section 41 and 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. These guidelines are in addition to the earlier ones which the apex court had already laid down in the case of *Arnesh Kumar vs State of Bihar* (2014). The Court in the present case has also emphasised upon separate legislation on the law relating to bail and has also issued specific directions in this regard. On July 16, even the Chief Justice of India (CJI) cautioned against "hasty and indiscriminate arrests". He further commented on the delay in bails and the plight of undertrial prisoners.

How is a person arrested?

Arrest in its simplest form is defined as, "when one is taken and restrained from his liberty". The police has wide powers to arrest under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. In the Joginder Kumar (1994) verdict, the Court had stated that "arrest and detention in police lock-up of a person can cause incalculable harm to the reputation and self-esteem of a person". Further, in the case of Arnesh Kumar, the apex Court had rightly observed that "arrest brings humiliation, curtails freedom and cast scars forever". In recent times, there have been several controversies regarding the arrest and subsequent bail of accused persons.

With regard to the Satender Kumar Antil case, the Court has issued specific directions and has also called for a compliance report. The Court said that the investigating agencies and their officers are duty-bound to comply with the mandate of Section 41 and 41A and the directions issued in the Arnesh Kumar case.

What are Sections 41 and 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure?

Section 41 of the Code provides for the circumstances in which arrest can be made by the police without a warrant and mandates for reasons to be recorded in writing for every arrest and non-arrest. Section 41A of the Code provides for the requirement of a notice to be sent by the investigating agencies before making an arrest in certain conditions prescribed by the Code. The Court stated that any dereliction on the part of the agencies has to be brought to the notice of the higher authorities by the court followed by appropriate action. The Bench further said that the courts will have to satisfy themselves on the compliance of Section 41 and 41A. Any non-compliance would entitle the accused for grant of bail.

What are the guidelines with respect to bail?

Regarding bail, the Court has made a specific observation in the form of an obiter that the Government of India may consider the introduction of a separate enactment, in the nature of a Bail Act, so as to streamline the grant of bails.

As part of the new guidelines, it is clearly stated that there need not be any insistence on a bail application while considering the application under Sections 88, 170, 204 and 209 of the Code. The Court said that "there needs to be a strict compliance of the mandate laid down in the judgment of this court in Siddharth" (*Siddharth vs State of U.P.*, 2021). It is a clear direction of the Court that bail applications ought to be disposed of within a period of two weeks except if the provisions mandate otherwise – the exception being an intervening application. The Court also said that "applications for anticipatory bail are expected to be disposed of within a period of six weeks with the exception of any intervening application".

What steps need to be taken for compliance of these orders?

The State and Central governments will have to comply with the directions issued by the Court from time to time with respect to the constitution of special courts. The High Court in consultation with the State governments will have to undertake an exercise on the need for special courts. The vacancies in the position of Presiding Officers of the special courts will have to be filled up expeditiously. The CJI has also raised the issue of vacant positions and infrastructural requirements in the judiciary.

What about undertrial prisoners?

The High Courts have been directed by the apex court to identify undertrial prisoners who cannot comply with bail conditions. After doing so, appropriate action will have to be taken in the light of Section 440 of the Code, facilitating their release. Under Section 440, the amount of bond shall not be excessive, and high courts and sessions courts may reduce the amount prescribed by the magistrate or a police officer. An exercise will have to be done similarly to comply with the mandate of Section 436A of the Code, under which a person imprisoned during investigation or trial shall be released on bail on completion of half of the jail term prescribed for that offence.

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THE GIST

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- Section 41 provides for the circumstances in which arrest can be made by the police without a warrant. Section 41A provides for the requirement of a notice to be sent by the investigating agencies before making an arrest in certain conditions.
- The High Courts have also been directed to undertake the exercise of finding out the undertrial prisoners who are not able to comply with bail conditions.

KEA planning to conduct CET, NEET counselling simultaneously

This is to avoid the problem of withdrawal of engineering and other course seats

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) plans to conduct counselling for the Common Entrance Test (CET) and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) simultaneously in August, to avoid the problem of the withdrawal of engineering and other course seats.

Last year, owing to COVID-19 and other reasons, the National Testing Agency (NTA) delayed conducting the NEET and announced the results in October.

A file photo of students at the CET counselling in Bengaluru.

This led to aspirants of medical courses selecting engineering and other professional course seats in the counselling held by the KEA in October, for the CET-2021 rank holders.

After the NEET-2021 results were announced, around 800 students who got engineering and other professional courses in the CET counselling, cancelled their admission and went to the NEET counselling and joined the medical courses. This resulted in a loss of seats for other aspirants.

This academic year, the KEA and NTA conducted the CET and NEET earlier.

The NEET results are expected before August 15. So, the KEA is planning to complete the document verification of CET rank holders before August 15. In case, the NTA announces the NEET results in August, the KEA will conduct the CET and NEET counselling simultaneously.

S. Ramya, Executive Director of KEA, told *The Hindu*, "This year, we are planning to conduct CET and NEET counselling simultaneously. We expect the NEET results before August 15. Before that, we will complete the CET document verification online. Then, we will immediately announce the NEET counselling dates and start document verification for State students online and physical document verification for other State students".

Following the announcement of the CBSE and the ISC results, the KEA has also started the CET-2022 seat allotment process, by announcing the result dates, i.e, July 30.

The KEA is also planning to conduct the document verification for NEET rank holders from the State online this year.

Taking a stand

Hundreds of people, who are waiting for the results of the competitive exams, conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission, for recruitment to various government posts, staged a protest in front of the KPSC building in Bengaluru on Monday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Department of Pre-University Education has given permission to increase the admission limit of students for I PU classes, from 80 to 100 for this academic year. The Director of the PU Department has issued a circular allowing the enrolment of 20 additional students in I PU for a maximum of two sections per combination, while ensuring that the college has necessary infrastructure.

Youth held for setting police vehicle on fire

No injures were reported and fire was doused by passers-by

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The City Market Police arrested a 19-year-old youth for allegedly setting fire to a Hoysala patrolling vehicle in the busy K.R. Market circle on Monday afternoon.

No injures were reported in the incident and the fire was doused by passers-by to prevent further damage.

The accused has been identified as Dheeraj Kumar. According to the police, the Hoysala patrolling vehicle No. 79 was partially gutted in the incident.

Two policemen from the City Market station were deployed for Hoysala patrolling duty. They had parked the vehicle near K.R. Market Circle and were busy controlling the crowd at the junction. They found the vehicle on fire around 12.05 p.m. Passers-by rushed to the vehicle and doused the fire by pouring water from buckets and cans.

A few people informed the police that they noticed Dheeraj pouring petrol on the vehicle and setting it on fire. The police managed to detain him.

According to the police, Dheeraj was acting abnormally and they suspected him to be intoxicated. He worked as a labourer in the market area and slept on the footpath during night.

"He confessed that he set fire to the vehicle as he did not like government vehicles. Dheeraj bought petrol from a fuel station in a bottle and poured it on the vehicle. He set it on fire using a lighter. A case has been registered against him by City Market police. He has been arrested and further investigation is on," a senior officer said.

Probe into drug case helps in solving murder case

A video clip and further investigation revealed how a man was killed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

While probing into a drug case after arresting a notorious rowdy, Kullu Rizwan, the K.G. Nagar police helped their Kengeri counterparts solve the murder of a 26-year-old man near NICE underpass on June 18.

Kullu Rizwan, a notorious gangster wanted in over 20 criminal cases, was on the run after his name cropped up in a drug-smuggling case.

The K.G. Halli police pursued him and managed to arrest him in Shivamogga, where he was hiding. During the probe, the police stumbled upon a video clip of a murder and with further inquiries, it was revealed that Rizwan's associate had allegedly murdered a youth in Kengeri and sent a video of the act to get appreciation from him.

Rizwan told the police that the deceased, later identified as Hemanth Kumar, was celebrating his birthday with his friends when he passed a comment on rowdyism and gangsters.

The victim was a resident of K. Gollahalli in Hemmigepura and painted vehicle licence plates.

He ventured out of his house with his friends to celebrate his birthday and they gathered at an isolated place on NICE road junction to drink, according to the police.

Meanwhile, Rizwan's gang members, who were passing by at the same time, heard him and objected to his statement, said the police

A heated argument ensued, following which the gang chased Hemanth and killed him, by smashing his head with a boulder and stabbing him repeatedly, while his friends ran away.

The Kengeri police had no clue about the identity as they couldn't find any paper near the body. However, a tattoo on his right arm helped in identification.

The police suspected that his friends might have killed him, but with the clip revealing the accused and the intention of murder, the police have registered a case of murder and are looking out for the Rizwan's associates .

Police pay tribute to Chittoor accident victims

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Police Commissioner and senior police officials paid tributes to PSI Avinash and constable Anil Mulik, who were killed in an accident at Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday.

On Monday, the officials gathered at the Commissioner's office to pay their last respects. Speaking on the occasion, City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy said that it was a very unfortunate incident which shocked the entire department. The last rites of the officials were performed with state honours.

Meanwhile, injured PSI Deekshith has been shifted to Hosmat hospital and has undergone a surgery for the fracture, while constable Sharana Basava is being treated at CMS Vellore hospital and is out of danger.

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAY)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COFMOW is in a process of procurement of Cut to Length Line for Integral Coach Factory. Hence, to invite wider participation, potential Indigenous Manufacturers/suppliers should be informed about Railway Requirements. **"Specifications of Cut to Length Line for ICF along with Qualifying Criteria has been uploaded on COFMOW website: cofmow.indianrailways.gov.in for expression of interest (E0I)."**

A vendor meet will be organized in Conference Hall of COFMOW at 11.00AM on 27.07.2022. Interested manufacturers may be requested to participate in vendor meet for submitting their suggestions, if any.

"Serving Customers with a Smile"

In a first, BBMP road gets a facelift owing to pvt. firm

The road is disabled-friendly, with footpaths all on the same level having no highs and lows or breaks in between

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In a one-of-its-kind project, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) road in Dasarahalli zone has been remade by a private company, ABB India Limited, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

Although other common public properties like parks were developed under such initiatives, officials say this is a first for roads.

Ever since the work was completed a few months ago, the Dasarahalli Lake road, is now being used by lakhs of commuters on a daily basis.

The grant for the road was provided in 2021 and the work was completed in 2022.

The road has been developed at a cost of around ₹10 crore, according to B.S. Prahalad, Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP. "It is a 1.2-kilometre stretch near Peenya Industrial Area where the company has set up infrastructure. The road belongs to the BBMP only," he explained.

When asked if more roads will be given for CSR initiatives, he said: "If anymore companies come forward to take up such initiatives, then we will be open to it".

The work on the road was executed by a company called Pothole Raja.

The road has been developed at a cost of around ₹10 crore. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

The "model road" has many pedestrian-friendly infrastructure like high-rise pedestrian medians, wider footpaths, and steel barricades to prevent the vehicles from getting on to the footpaths.

Along with this, a good drainage system, utility trenches for cross wiring, road markings, reflectors, LED lights, and traffic signals have also been provided.

"They have developed this road in such a way that any further civic works will not cause inconvenience to the commuters," said a person, who takes the road every day.

Another highlight of the road is that it has been made disabled-friendly as the footpaths are all on the same level with no highs and lows (breaks in between). The road also has 24x7 continuous CCTV camera surveillance.

Speaking about the road, a senior BBMP official said: "That road has been redone in such a nice way that I began wondering why we were not designing such roads".

Commuters are also quite happy about the facilities on the road. Most people who use the road are those who come to Peenya Industrial area everyday for work. "My friends and I used to observe daily that some work was happening on this road, during our commute to and from work. We sometimes used to talk to the workers and they would tell us the plans. When it was completed, the road was better than we had expected it to be. It is now very comfortable to walk on this road," said Prema, a worker at a private industry on an adjacent road.

CBSE exams: THiS institutions in State achieve 100% pass

SUDHINDR A.B.
BENGALURU

Schools part of The Hindu in School (THiS) achieved 100% pass results in both the Class X and XII term-2 examinations, the results of which were declared by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recently.

BGS National Public School, Hulimavu, achieved 100% pass in both Class X and XII exams. In Class X, 172 of 309 students scored 90% and above, while in Class XII, 34 of 63 students achieved this feat. In Class X, Srushti Balikai (99%) and in Class XII, Sahil Kumar Verma (97.40%) were the toppers.

Students of Presidency School, Kasturinagar, recorded 100% pass in the Class X examination. In all, 72 of 194 students scored 90% and above. Mohana Priya (99%) was the topper.

For the 18th consecutive year, Siddaganga Public School, Chandra Layout, achieved 100% pass. In all, 64 of 110 students secured distinction. Prerana N.R. (97.3%) was the topper.

Army Public School, ASC, achieved 100% pass in both the Class X and XII exams. In Class X, 64 of 120 students secured distinction. Yojith Kashyap (97.8%) was the topper. In Class XII, 50 of 97 students secured distinction. Lakshay Rai (97%) in Science, Krishnanshu Jana (90%) in Commerce, and Anjali Kumari (98.4%) in Humanities were the toppers.

Army Public School, Kamaraj Road, too achieved 100% pass with all 205 students bringing laurels to the school. In Class X, D. Akashayashree Nair with 98% was the topper. Tarashis Chatt (97.6%) in Science, Lubna Asif (98.2%) in Commerce, and Suhani Dhupar (98.2%) in Humanities were the toppers. National Public School, Koramangala, achieved 100% pass in both the Class X and XII exams. In Class X, 80 of 83 students secured distinction. Adrija Thakur (99.8%) was the topper. In Class XII, 61 of 65 students secured distinction. Nikita Kiran (99.6%) was the topper.

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RWP/CPRO/Advt./2022-23/43

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The general public are hereby notified that our client Sri. S.A.PADMARAJU S/o Late. Sri. S.Adikeshavaiah Setty has lost Original Betterment Charges Paid receipt Bearing No. 014325, 014326 and 014327 all issued by the Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BMNP), pertaining to the immovable Property bearing Municipal No. 16,16/1,16/2 (Old Site Nos. 765,766 and 767) PID Nos. 94-19-16, 94-19-16/1, and 94-19-16/2, situated at Kariyannapalya, Kasaba Hobli, Lingarajapuram, in all measuring 4470 Square Feet, Presently under the limits of BBMP Ward No.40, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: A.K.Colony Houses, West by : Common passage leading to the well, North by : Well and Private Property and South by : Road. In this regard a Police Complaint dated 19.07.2022 has been filed/lodged by our client with Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No.827/2021/2022. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our clients and they shall do so at their own risk.

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ABSTRACT

Studying menstrual disturbances post COVID-19 vaccination

While changes to menstrual bleeding are not uncommon or dangerous, attention to these experiences is necessary to build trust in medicine

THE GIST

- The paper, "Investigating trends in those who experience menstrual bleeding changes after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination", investigates instances of of excessive or unexpected menstrual bleeding after the COVID-19 innoculation.
- The paper states that dismissal by medical experts to investigate such instances fuelled the anti-vaccine lobby as they began conflating the possibility of short-term menstrual changes with long-term harms to fertility.
- Earlier studies have proved that the typhoid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and HPV vaccine were also associated with menstrual irregularities.

RAMYA KANNAN

Katharine M. N.Lee et al, ""Investigating trends in those who experience menstrual bleeding changes after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination", Science Advances, July 15, 2022, https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.abm7201

When the *Science* paper "Investigating trends in those who experience menstrual bleeding changes after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination" dropped mid July, one could have heard a collective sigh from women across the world. Women who had felt the brunt of the vaccination in their monthly cycles felt vindicated as the paper established a definite connect between COVID-19 vaccination and excessive bleeding.

Anecdotally, chat rooms and informal support groups that women tend to form as a sorority had been buzzing with chatter about how the COVID-19 vaccine had wreaked havoc on their monthly cycles. However, the hesitation of the larger research and medical community to address it adequately only strengthened the hand of the anti-vaccine lobby. In the predicament of menstruating women, unsupported by investigations, this lobby found sufficient grist for their mill.

Observations from the study

The paper, by Katharine M. N. Lee et al, U.S.-based researchers, followed up on the chatter and the complaints of excessive or unexpected menstrual bleeding after the COVID-19 inoculation. They investigated this emerging phenomenon of changed menstrual bleeding patterns among a convenience sample of currently and formerly menstruating people using a web-based survey.

In this sample, 42% of people with regular menstrual cycles bled more heavily than usual, while 44% reported no change after being vaccinated. Notably, even among respondents who typically do not menstruate – 71% of people on long-acting reversible contraceptives, 39% of people on gender-affirming hormones and 66% of post-menopausal people reported breakthrough bleeding. The authors recorded, "we found that increased/breakthrough bleeding was significantly associated with age, systemic vaccine side effects (fever and/or fatigue), history of pregnancy or birth, and ethnicity."

Building trust

The authors go on to drag the actual issue in to the open – while, generally, changes to menstrual bleeding are not uncommon or dangerous, attention to these experiences is necessary to build trust in medicine. Systems and processes are not geared to study these kind of side effects, as the paper pointed out that typical vaccine trial protocols do not monitor for major adverse events for more than seven days. Additional follow-up communications do not inquire about menstrual cycles or bleeding.

"Therefore, manufacturers had no way of addressing the extent to which this observation was a coincidence or a potential side effect of the vaccines. In media coverage, medical doctors and public health experts hastened to say that there was 'no biological mechanism' or 'no data' to support a relationship between vaccine administration and menstrual changes. In other cases, experts declared that these changes were more likely a result of 'stress'," the paper said.

It is essential to gain on-ground data on the phenomenon and study it consistently in order to understand emerging health concerns

It went on to state, "unfortunately, dismissal by medical experts fuelled greater concerns, as both vaccine-hesitant and anti-vaccine individuals and organisations conflated the possibility of short-term menstrual changes with long-term harms to fertility." Further as the vaccine became available to adolescents, parents worried about getting them the dose, wondering about its effect on the fertility of their wards.

Supporting claims

Truth be told, this is not the first time that the subject was the focus of a scientific paper. In September 2021, the *British Medical Journal* proposed that a link between COVID vaccination and excessive bleeding was plausible and should be investigated. Though changes to periods and unexpected vaginal bleeding are not listed as side effects, "primary care clinicians and those working in reproductive health are increasingly approached by people who have experienced these events shortly after vaccination."

In March this year, another paper in the *International Journal of Women's Health* – "A Cross-Sectional Investigation in the MENA Region" by Nadia Muhaidat et al – sought responses from 2,269 female respondents in West Asia and North Africa. It reported that "66.3% of women experienced menstrual abnormalities after vaccination. Of those, symptoms appeared after a week in 30.5%, and within a month in 86.8%. Furthermore, in 93.6% the symptoms resolved within two months. The majority (46.7%) had the symptoms after the first dose, while 32.4% after the second dose and 20.9% after both doses." The type of the vaccine that had been administered did not seem to make a difference.

The *Science* paper lists "multiple plausible biological mechanisms to explain a relationship between an acute immune challenge like a vaccine, its corresponding and well-known systemic effects on hemostasis (stopping bleeding) and inflammation, and menstrual repair mechanisms of the uterus."

No harm to long-term fertility

Lee and others go on to explain "how the uterine reproductive system is flexible and adaptable in the face of stress to weather short-term challenges in a way that leaves long-term fertility intact." For instance, they argue, running a marathon may influence hormone concentrations in the short term, but leave long term fertility untouched; or short term calorie restriction that results in an impact on the cycle can be resolved by resuming normal diets.

"Less severe, short-term stressors can, and do influence menstrual cycling and menstruation, and this has been established over 40 years of cycle research," they explain. Additionally, they point out the difference between the immune response invoked by a vaccine and the sustained immune assault of COVID-19 infection. Studies and anecdotal reports are already demonstrating that menstrual function disruptions are a long COVID-19 complication.

Earlier studies have proved that the typhoid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and HPV vaccine were associated with menstrual irregularities. Lee et al argue that 'the speed and coverage of the current COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination campaign may have inadvertently highlighted a previously under-recognised side effect of especially immunogenic vaccines administered in adulthood'.

It is essential to gain on-ground data on the phenomenon and study it consistently in order to understand emerging health concerns.

The scientific and medical community recognising the problem is the first step in addressing the concerns of women, and not dismissing them as anecdotal, or even worse, imaginary.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Kargil Vijay Diwas is commemorated on July 26 in honour of the Kargil War heroes. A quiz by an Indian Army veteran on the war and some decorated heroes

1 On July 6, sub sector (west) of the Siachen Glacier witnessed a gallant action led by a young officer. This sector was later renamed in honour of this officer, who was posthumously awarded the Vir Chakra. Name the officer.

2 Param Vir Chakra awardee Capt. Vikram Batra used which codename as his radio call sign during Op. Vijay which inspired the name of a biopic released in 2021.

3 Who was awarded the Param Vir Chakra posthumously for displaying bravery of the highest order at Jubar Top of the Khalubar Hills in the Batalik Sector of Kargil?

4 What codename was assigned to the Indian Air Force's operations in acting jointly with the Indian Army during the 1999 Kargil War?

5 Who, at the age of 19, became the youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, for his actions during Op. Vijay?

6 'The Tiger of Drass' is the biography of which armed forces officer who was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra for his action during Op. Vijay?

7 During Op. Vijay, Capt. Sachin Nimbalkar successfully led a team to capture which feature in the Drass sector from the east in a multi-pronged attack on the night of 3/4 July 1999?

8 Maj. Saravanan, who was awarded the Vir Chakra posthumously for his gallant action during Op. Vijay served as the President of the Students Union of which famous educational institution based in Tamil Nadu?

◄ Where is this memorial located? • NISSAR AHMAD

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The year in which India declared mango as its national fruit. **Ans: 1950**
2. The 'Malgoa' mango is the outcome of experiments made by this group. **Ans: The Portuguese**
3. The most expensive variety of mango in the world. **Ans: Tayo no Tomago also known as Miyazaki mangoes**
4. This country is the top producer of mango in the world. **Ans: India**
5. The name of the teardrop-shaped Indian textile pattern. **Ans: Paisley**
6. This Indian emperor feasted on nothing but different kinds of mangoes for a meal. **Ans: Alauddin Khilji**
Visual: This man and his party contests under the symbol of a ripe mango. **Ans: Anbumani Ramadoss; Pattali Makkal Katchi**

Early Birds: Nirav Mehta| Mahmood Sahib| Poorvi R. Gajbhiye| Devika Rajesh| Neeraj Kashyap
Correction: Question six of yesterday's quiz should have been "This Indian emperor feasted on nothing but different kinds of mangoes for a meal. Name the emperor" and not what was printed.

Compiled by: Col. V. Shankar, SC

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."
"Good morning."
"Sir, the streets are still very noisome because of crackers."
"Yes, the streets are very noisy. By the way, 'noisome' doesn't mean 'noisy'. 'Noisome' means 'harmful', 'injurious', 'offensive', 'bad-smelling'.
It is a noisome slum.
I can't stand the noisome odour.
A bloated, putrid, noisome carcass, full of stench and poison.
Very often 'noisome' is used in the sense of 'bad-smelling'. The word is not from 'noise' but from French 'noy' which means 'to annoy'."
"What's the difference between 'practical' and 'practicable', sir?"
" 'Practical' is the opposite of 'theoretical'. A practical suggestion is a useful suggestion. It is a suggestion that can be put to use. It is something that can be carried out successfully. 'Practicable' means 'capable of being carried out'. What is practicable may not be practical. You may decide to construct a bridge across a river at some point. It may be practicable. But it can be called practical only if it is widely used by the public. Converting sea-water into drinking water is practicable. But when you consider the cost involved in it, you realise that it is not practical."
"Someone said to me the other day, 'Keep your shirt on'. What does it mean, sir?"
"It means 'don't lose your temper, don't be impatient'.
Please keep your shirt on till the matter is settled.
Whatever he may say, please keep your shirt on.
'To lose one's shirt' means 'to lose everything that one possesses'.
He lost his shirt in racing.
'Shirty' means 'angry', 'annoyed', 'ill-tempered'.
He was shirty when I met him yesterday.
He is depressed as he got a shirty letter from his father."
"What is the difference between 'prescribe' and 'proscribe', sir?"
" 'Prescribe' means 'advise or order the use of'.
The doctor has prescribed this medicine.
I don't know what the prescribed textbooks are.
'Proscribe' means 'to forbid by law'.
This book has been proscribed.
Some governments proscribe books that are critical of their performance."
"How do you pronounce 'creche', sir?"
"It is pronounced 'kreish'. The first 'e' in 'creche' is pronounced like the 'ei' in 'eight'. That's enough for the day. Goodbye."
"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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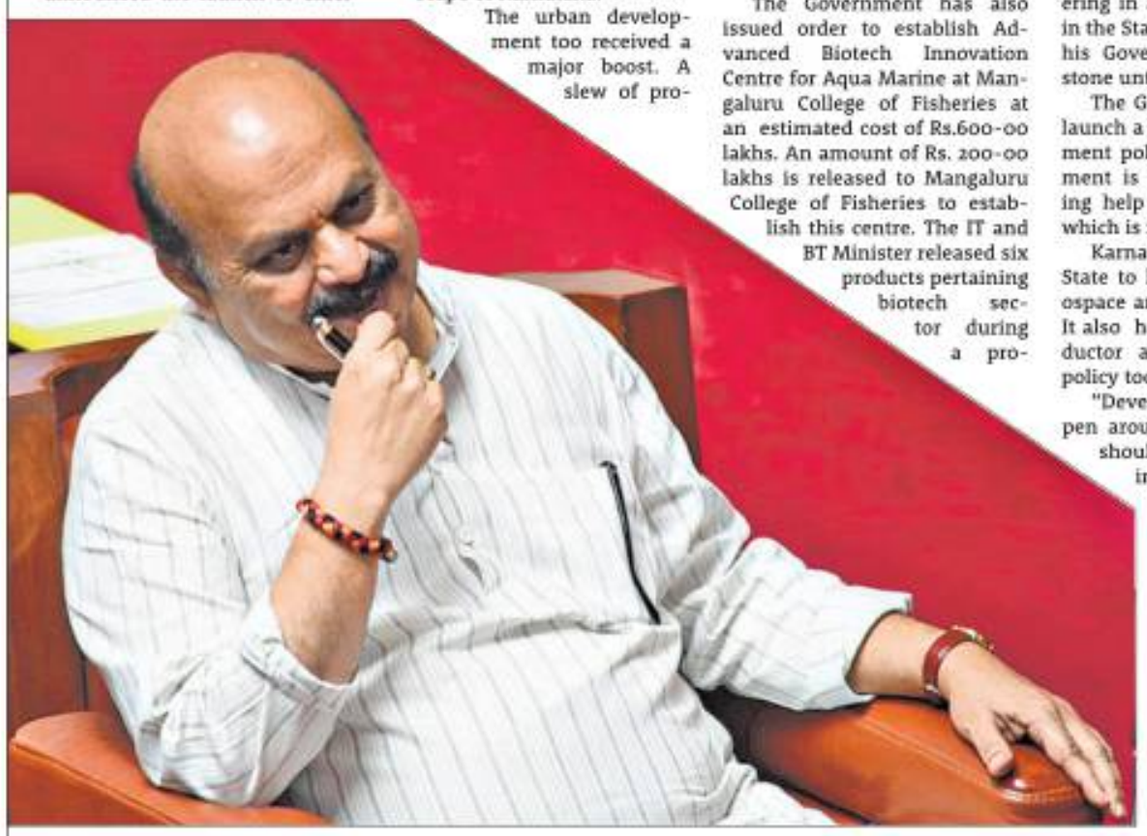
Effective Implementation of Government programmes is my top priority, says Bommai

The Bommai-led Government is on a mission to achieve all-round development of Karnataka

On July 28, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai completes a year in office. He looks back at his government's performance in the past one year with a lot of pride. Overcoming several challenges, his government has worked towards fulfilling people's aspirations by launching several novel programmes, schemes, and projects.

In fact, immediately after the first cabinet meeting after taking charge as CM, Mr. Bommai announced the launch of Chief Minister Raitha Vidya Nidhi, a scholarship programme for children of farmers to facilitate their higher education. Girl students from high school were the beneficiaries of this programme. Later, this scholarship was extended to children of fishermen and weavers.



A scholarship of Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 11,000 is provided to children of farmers based on the courses in which they study. The assistance is provided to them without seeking application through DBT into their accounts.

Mr. Bommai established Secondary Agriculture Directorate to facilitate doubling of farmers income under the flagship programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Karnataka was also the first State in the country to implement the National Education Policy 2020. Thus, Karnataka set an ideal example to other states In implementation of the NEP and became a laboratory in implementation of the policy. A new student-focussed digitalisation and research and development policy was announced. The aim was to transform and empower the knowledge landscape of Karnataka.

The urban development too received a major boost. A slew of programmes and projects for the planned development of cities and towns. Special thrust is given for the integrated development of Bengaluru and other small and medium towns.

Mr. Bommai launched the Amrit Nagarotthana Scheme, to take up important infrastructure works in Bengaluru. The BBMP would implement projects in a phased manner over five years. The amount is allocated to improve roads, lakes, stormwater drains, parks, buildings, solid waste management, street lights and also development slums.

Big boost to IT & BT

The Bommai Government issued an order to establish Anti-venom Centre in partneship with Venomics Laboratory of IISc at a cost of Rs. 700-00 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 200-00 lakhs is released to IBAB to start this project.

The Government has also issued order to establish Advanced Biotech Innovation Centre for Aqua Marine at Mangaluru College of Fisheries at an estimated cost of Rs.600-00 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 200-00 lakhs is released to Mangaluru College of Fisheries to establish this centre. The IT and BT Minister released six products pertaining biotech sector during a programme held at Bengaluru Bio Innovation Centre in May. AVGC Excellence Centre was inaugurated to provide difital edge to creative entrepreneurs and to encourage start-ups in AVGC sector. This will help Karnataka to retain its pre-eminent position in Start-ups and innovations.

Hence, Bommai's Government received appreciation of PM Modi during his recent visit to the State. PM Modi appreciated the welfare programmes and development works of the State and Union governments being implemented in Karnataka.

Mr. Bommai is committed to overall development of Karnataka. "My aim is to develop Karnataka as 'model state' by providing jobs and empowering people economically," he says.

He believes Karnataka would be made a model state by ushering in an era of development in the State. To achieve this goal, his Government is leaving no stone unturned.

The Government is all set to launch a Research and Development policy. The State Government is committed to extending help to every organisation which is into R&D.

Karnataka is also the first State to have an exclusive aerospace and defence R&D policy. It also has a separate semiconductor and renewable energy policy too.

"Development has to happen around the people, people should not go around seeking development" is the firm belief of the Chief Minister. Mr. Bommai strongly believes in empowerment of people through education, skill development and entrepreneurship. He has adopting the 3 Es mantra - Employment, Education and Empowerment for the uplifting of the weaker sections.

Effective Implementation of Government programmes to involve women, backward classes, scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and economically weaker sections, ensuring regional balance in industrial development is a priority of the Government.

The Karnataka Government is committed to reduce malnutrition in the State. Specific measures are being taken to eradicate malnutrition in Raichur and Yadgir districts and Chincholi in Kalaburagi district, and funds have been allocated for the purpose in the budget.

With all these new schemes and programmes CM Bommai aims to build 'New Karnataka for New India'.

Making best use of water sources

The Minor Irrigation Department of Karnataka help develop existing agriculture land by rejuvenating water sources. It helps create new agriculture land by taking up developmental projects. In the past one year, the Minor Irrigation Department has taken up and completed several projects rejuvenate water sources and fill up tanks across Karnataka.

Administrative approval is granted to fill water in tanks in and around Dharmapur hobli of Hiriyuru taluk, Chitradurga district. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 90 crores and Rs. 40 crores is allocated to take up first phase of works. The works are taken up after the tender approval. The tanks will be filled from Vedavathi River.

Cabinet and administrative approval is granted to take up works of Rs. 300 crores under Khar Land Project at rivers flowing in coastal areas of Karnataka. Provisional approval is granted to the master plan of the project taken up at a cost of Rs. 1,500.

Administrative approval to fill 22 tanks of Bengaluru (East) taluk through lift irrigation from waste water processing units of Bengaluru Urban district, Bengaluru (East) and KR Puram. This includes rejuvenation of lift irrigation at Yeremall-Thappa Setty tank to fill Doddakere tank in Hosakote taluk.

Administrative approval of Rs. 250 crores to fill tanks in Bellavi and Kora hoblis of Tumakuru taluk, Dodda Agrahara of Bukkapatnam hobli of Sira taluk and tanks in Kallambella hobli and Kurubarahalli tank of Gubbi taluk and other tanks from Yettinahole Project.

The project fill 82 tanks in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural and Tumakuru districts at a cost of Rs. 865 crores has received administrative approval. The processed water of 243 MLD from Vrushabhavati Valley will be used to fill these tanks.

The project to fill 65 tanks of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural and Chikkaballapur districts through lift irrigation using processed waste water in the Hebbal Nagawara valley at a cost of Rs. 70 crores has been granted administrative approval and tender too has received approval.

The second phase of project also involves filling of 24 tanks of Bagepalli taluk.

The administrative approval to construct a bridge and bunds across Vedavati River between Mudenuru and Balakundi villages of Siruguppa taluk of Ballari district at a cost of Rs. 35 crores has been granted.

In principle approval is granted to the master plan of the Rs. 3,986.25 crore Paschima Vahini Project. Administrative approval is granted to take up works to the tune of Rs. 500 crores in 2021-22. The project involves construction of 1,348 sluice gates in phases.

Ushering new era of development

The Bommai-led Karnataka Government will complete one year in office on July 28. The Government has launched several new programmes, schemes and projects in the past one year.

CM Raitha Vidya Nidhi

A scholarship programme for children of farmers to facilitate their higher education. Girl students from high school were the beneficiaries of this programme. Later, this scholarship was extended to children of fishermen and weavers.

A scholarship of Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 11,000 is provided to children of farmers based on the courses in which they study. The assistance is provided to them without seeking application through DBT into their accounts. Approval was granted to disburse a sum of Rs. 397.213 crores of scholarship amount through DBT to 9,48, 292 students under this programme.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

During 2021-22, the State Government distributed a sum of Rs. 1,007.13 crores to 50.35 lakh farmers. And, in this year, a sum of Rs. 956.71 crores is transferred to 47.83 lakh farmers.

Skill development

Under CMKKY including PMKVY 3.0, 53,840 candidates have undergone training as part of Amrit Kaushalya programme. Among them 10,345 are employed. In all 286 candidates are sent abroad through KSDC.

Karnataka. Government in partnership with Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) and 20 Industry partners has launched a programme to transform 150 government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into technology hubs in consonance with Industry 4.0 requirements. The programme is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India to enhance the quality of industrial training and create skilled workforce across Karnataka.

Jal Jeevan Mission

Is being implemented on a mission mode to provide drinking water to every rural household. FHTC coverage has increased to 46 per cent. Government intends to cover 100 per cent households in next two years.

A house for all

The Bengaluru Development Authority has taken up work to develop about 24,000 sites of various dimensions in an area of 3,546 acres and 12 guntas in 17 villages for the Dr. Shivarama Karanth Layout. Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is being created in 4,043 acres and 27 guntas. Already 8,680 sites have been allocated to public in the acquired about 2,656 acres and 25 gunta land. Besides, 11,336 sites to land-owners, to provide 1,423 alternative sites of Arkavathy Layout.

In all 1,127 sites as alternative are allocated for the land acquired to build major arterial roads.

The remaining 1,270 sites are also ready for allocation. To create Arkavathy Layout, an area of 967 acres 4.5 gunta of the total 1,766 acre and 07 gunta land in 16 villages has been handed over to technical committee. Karnataka Government aims to build 30,000 houses. In all 16,431 houses are already constructed in 33 housing projects on government land and also on the land under possession of BDA. In 9,673 houses are completed in 27 projects and 8,610 houses are allocated to the public.

Satiating water needs of Bengaluru and neighbouring villages

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), mandated to supply adequate water to meet demand and create swereage network and safe disposal of sewage, has taken up and implemented several projects in the past one year.

The major projects among them include providing water supply and sanitation facilities 110 villages under BBMP limits. The State Government has already released its entire share of loan amount.

The project is under completion stage and work is over by 99 percent and it will be facilitated to the public soon. The entire cost of the project is Rs.1,500 crores and project involves laying of different dia pipelines for the entire area of 110 villages, as well as the construction works at selected locations.

The BWSSB took up work of providing sewerage facilities to 110 villages coming under BBMP limits with a funding pattern of 50:50 between the Government and BWSSB respectively. The project has been completed by 80 percent.

The cost of the project is Rs.1,000 crores and the project involves laying of different dia pipelines for the entire area of 110 villages.

The BWSSB has taken up construction of 04 sewerage treatment plant under Mega City Revolving Fund.

Under this project, construction of 04 different STPs with a combined capacity of 440 MLD was commenced at Doddabele, Hebbal Valley, KC Valley, and V. Valley at a cost of Rs.1,210.00. The work at Doddabele and Hebbal valleys has been completed and is currently being maintained.

The construction works of two more STPs, each with 150 MLD capacity, are almost completed.

The construction of a STP and providing of sanitation facilities in Hessargatta has been taken up.

The work of providing sanitation facilities has been finished, and the construction of the STP has just begun due to a delay in land acquisition process.

Besides this, BWSSB has taken up Tippagondanahalli Reservoir rehabilitation work -Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs. 312 crores under the Megacity Revolving Fund. The work is moving at a rapid pace and is expected to be completed by next year.

A Rs. 5,550 crore CWSS Stage V project is also under progress, which will be completed in two phases.

Phase I of 500 MLD (6.45 TMC) capacity and Phase II of 275 MLD (3.55 TMC) capacity will be provided. It is proposed to provide raw water transmission pipeline for 810 MLD flow, water treatment plant at T.K. Hal li for minimum 500 MLD output and common facilities (Aerator, Raw Water Channel and construction of required structure of all buildings) for 775 MLD Capacity, clear water pumping stations with mechanical and electrical works at three locations (T.K. Halli, Harohalli and Tataguni). The clear water transmission system of 755 MLD up to the city entrance (Vajarahalli) and city trunk main and city limits reservoirs at different locations are under progress.

And, to the slums and SC/ST colonies under BBMP limits, the BWSSB is providing water at free-of-charge.

Just call 155245 to get pension at your doorstep

'Hello Revenue Minister', a novel programme to provide assistance pensioners and to resolve any hurdle associated with disbursement of pension related schemes including inordinate delay in processing of applications, was launched recently by Revenue Department of Karnataka.

Under the scheme, the beneficiaries, whose annual income is less than Rs. 32,000 can avail any of the pension services by dialling 155245 including old age pension, widow pension and freedom fighter pension at their doorstep within 72 hours.

Successful in delivering revenue documents to the farmers at their doorstep, the Karnataka Revenue Department launched 'Hello Revenue Minister' helpline programme aimed at resolving issues pertaining to various pension schemes in Karnataka.

GramaOne

Various government services are offered to people with the launch of GramaOne programme, GramaOne centres are single point assistance centres for all citizens in rural areas and would offer government to citizen services, banking services and RTI related services and so on. The centres will be operational from 8AM-8PM on all seven days of the week.

The programme was launched in 12 districts by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on January 26. The services are extended to all districts of Karnataka.

The envisioned benefits are many. It saves time as people need not have to visit the district, taluk and hobli offices to avail government services. It also saves them cost of visiting offices and they need not have to go through middlemen to avail the services.

At the GramaOne centres, people can avail all the over 750 Seva Sindhu, Sakala, RTI, CMRF, micro-banking and small deposits and various other services that come under departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Revenue, Women and Children Development. GramaOne was launched on a trial basis in four districts to understand the challenges since it's a technology-based service offering. Launching the programme in Bengaluru, A record six lakh applications were cleared during the pilot project in four districts.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, JUL. 26	
RISE 06:04	SET 18:48
RISE 03:49	SET 17:08
WEDNESDAY, JUL. 27	
RISE 06:04	SET 18:48
RISE 04:39	SET 17:58
THURSDAY, JUL. 28	
RISE 06:04	SET 18:48
RISE 05:32	SET 18:45

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower is likely.

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Organ transplant scheme has helped 73 patients since 2019

Only below poverty line patients are eligible under the scheme in government and private-empanelled hospitals in State

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

A total of 73 below poverty line (BPL) patients have undergone free organ transplants and have got 622 cycles of free immunosuppressive medication, under the Organ Transplantation Scheme after Karnataka launched it in 2019.

The State government has so far spent ₹3.1 crore on the free transplants and ₹62.4 lakh on free supply of life-saving medicines that have to be taken for life post transplant.

As organ transplants are not covered under the Arogya Karnataka-Ayushman Bharat Scheme, the government in 2019 launched the free organ transplantation scheme – heart, liver, and kidney – for all BPL patients in government and private-empanelled hospitals. It set aside ₹30 crore for the scheme in the 2019's budget.

The government had fixed package rates of ₹2 lakh for a kidney transplant, ₹10 lakh for a heart transplant, and ₹11 lakh for a liver transplant. A sum of ₹1 lakh has been fixed as financial assistance for post-transplant immunosuppressive medication.

According to data from the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), the nodal agency implementing the State's health schemes, 23 patients underwent transplants and received 82 cycles of immunosuppressive medicine in 2019-20.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21, when all activities had come to a standstill, nine patients underwent transplants. In 2021-22, 32 patients underwent free transplants. In 2022-23, till July 22, nine patients have undergone free transplants.

Each of the 73 patients (who have undergone the transplants) have been receiving free immunosuppressive medication at a cost of ₹1 lakh each year.

SAST officials said that the immunosuppressive medication for the first two months are included in the package of the hospitals where the transplants are carried out. Subsequently, the medicines are provided through SAST for life for the organ recipients. "While SAST is responsible for empanellment of private hospitals, pre-authorisation and payment for transplants to hospitals are as per the mechanism followed in the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Scheme," said State Health Commissioner Randeep D.

A patient should first visit a public health institute (Institute of Nephro Urology, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, PMSSY on Victoria Hospital campus or Institute of Gastroenterology in Bengaluru), or any district hospital (for those who are from other districts), where he/she will be evaluated.

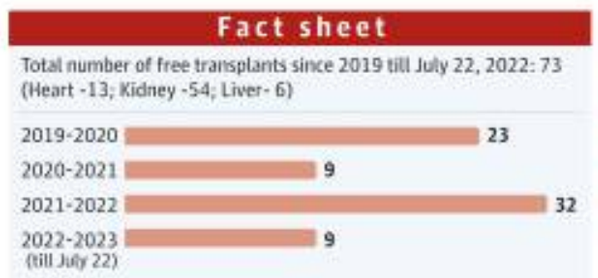
The patient should register for organ transplant after getting approval from the authorisation committee (hospital level/district/State level authorisation).

In case of cadaveric transplants, the procedure can be conducted in government or private empaneled hospitals as per the registration of the recipient and availability of the organ in the retrieval centre.

The allotment policy of Jeevasarthakathe, the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO), which is the nodal agency that facilitates cadaver organ donations, is followed.

Fact sheet

Total number of free transplants since 2019 till July 22, 2022: 73
(Heart -13; Kidney -54; Liver- 6)



Total cycles of immunosuppressive medications provided to patients	Amount spent on transplants	Amount spent on medications
622	₹3.1 crore	₹62.4 lakh

The State government has so far spent ₹3.1 crore on the free transplants and ₹62.4 lakh on free supply of life-saving medicines that have to be taken for life post transplant. • FILE PHOTO

Govt. rate not feasible for pvt. hospitals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Not all private empaneled hospitals are keen on doing free transplants as the rates are very low, especially for kidney transplants.

A doctor from a private empaneled hospital says, "While it usually costs around ₹7 lakh for a renal transplant, the government's rate is just ₹2 lakh. This is not feasible for us."

While 52 of the 73 transplants have been carried out in the State-run Institute of Nephro Urology, 10 in Narayana Health (NH), eight in M S Ramaiah Narayana Heart Centre, and one each in Chirayu Hospital, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences and KLES Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital and MRC.

Blackbuck poaching: Priest among five arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The forest mobile squad of the Belagavi division busted a blackbuck poaching racket and arrested a 32-year-old temple priest, who was allegedly running it.

Officials said the accused were allegedly poaching at the Ranebennur sanctuary by setting snares and iron mesh nets across the forest area in the night. They would then set trained hunting dogs free to chase the blackbucks towards the traps. The officials said that they would also place explosives in a pack of eatables to attract the blackbucks.

The accused also confessed that they would draw electricity illegally and supply it across the forest area to electrocute the blackbucks and kill them, officials added. The accused would then sell the skin, the horns, and the meat to clients of the priest.

Based on a tip-off, Seema Garg, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Vigilance), directed the forest officials to investigate the matter. A team, led by Suresh Teli, Assistant Conservator of Forests, approached the gang posing as buyers and clinched a deal for three skins.

The officials caught Tyagaraj Lakshman Lamani, 24, and his associate Gurunath Basavaraj, 23, when they came to hand over three pelts at the Ranebennur bypass on Saturday.

Based on their information, the police arrested Beerappa Nagappa Medleri, 32, the priest at Devaragudda temple, who also runs an ashram.

Medleri had been operating through his hunting gang, which included Theerkappa Marappa Goder, 50, and Nagappa Dyamappa Harijan, 45, the officials said.

Investigation has revealed that Beerappa would lure rich devotees visiting Devaragudda temple by claiming that possessing a blackbuck pelt would bring them good fortune.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-/22-23/4096-97 Date: 25.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-24/CALL-03 Dtd: 23.05.2022** for the work of increasing vertical clearance, strengthening by providing double string insulators of 66kV & 220kV Transmission lines passing over the school/ premises in the jurisdiction of BMAZ South Circle on Total Turnkey basis.

The bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **26.07.2022.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elecl, Trans (Maint), BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL, A.R .Circle, Bengalauru - 560 009. Ph: 080-22386686.**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Bellary Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

Brief Tender Notification
Two Cover System (Only through e-procurement portal)
No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work Indent 12553/Call 2 Date: 19-07-2022
Tenders are invited through GOK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Casting / machining of double disc valve spares and providing, installation of bag filters for buffer hopper and silo vent fan for Unit-2 Ash Handling Plant BTPS. " Amount put to tender:** ₹ 12.69 Lakhs. **Last date for submission of both technical & financial bid:** 27-07-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Opening of technical bid:** 28-07-2022 at 16:30 hrs. **Tender documents can be downloaded from the above portal.** Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (AHP)-1, BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152, Bellary District. Mobile: 9448290768

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Eight Africans detained

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a special drive launched against foreigners staying illegally, the North East Division Police on Monday detained eight Africans living in the city without travel documents.

Based on intelligence inputs gathered for many days, 11 special teams raided the houses and caught eight Africans and handed them over to the detention centre.

Government of Karnataka
Directorate of Social Security and Pensions
5th Floor, Kandaya Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 001.
Tel : 080-22232040, 22232021 Fax No.: 080-22232040
No. DSP-EST/34/2022 Date : 25.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub : Providing the services of Data Entry Operators for Directorate of Social Security and Pensions on outsource basis.

Applications are invited for **Providing the services of Data Entry Operators for Directorate of Social Security and Pensions on outsource** through E-procurement portal. Interested bidders may visit website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for application forms and detailed terms and conditions.

Last date for submission of bid : **25.08.2022 at 5.30 p.m.** Date of Technical bid opening : **30.08.2022 at 3.00 p.m.** Date of Financial bid opening : **08.09.2022 at 3.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Joint Director, Social Security and Pensions,Directorate, Revenue Department, Karnataka, Bengaluru.
DIPR/DD-C.P/1489/MCA/2022-23

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
KSRTC CENTRAL OFFICES, KH ROAD, BENGALURU-560027
TRAFFIC (COMMERCIAL) DEPARTMENT
No: KST/CO/TR/COM-1/815/22-23 Date: 25-07-2022

Tender Notification No: KSRTC/COM/ 01 /22-23

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation invites applications from Bidders/Hospital to select Licensee for running and maintaining Dialysis Center (12 Beds) and Day Care Unit (24 Beds) at KSRTC Hospital (1st Floor), Jayanagar, Bengaluru on Non-Rental Basis.

Details of the short term tender :

- Period : 5 years
- EMD: through DD for Rs.1,00,000/-
- Application Fee with GST : Rs.1180/- (Rs.1000/- + Rs.180/-)
- Tender application form shall be obtained from the office of the Chief Traffic Manager (Com), KSRTC, Central Offices, Bengaluru-27 (Room No : GF-22) by submitting Rs.1180/- D.D drawn in favour of CAO/FA, KSRTC, Bengaluru during office working hours.

Details	Date & Time
Last date for obtaining application forms / tender documents at KSRTC, Central Office, Bengaluru-27	01-08-2022 at 17:00 hours
Pre-Bid meeting at KSRTC, Central Office, Bengaluru-27	03-08-2022 at 11:00 hours
Last date for submission of duly completed bids / application with all necessary documents.	10-08-2022 at 17:00 hours
Opening of Technical Bid / Financial Bid	12-08-2022 at 11:00 hours

For tender information contact CTM (C) – 7760990010, DTO – 6366953363, 080-22221321 – Extn. 302

Sd/-
Chief Traffic Manager (Com),
KSRTC, Central Offices, Bengaluru-27.
DIPR/CP/1495/KKAR/22-23

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mandya Division, Mandya
ID : eepwdmandya@gmail.com / eemnd@kpwd.gov.in

No. E.E. PWD.Mandya, Dn./AE-3/2022-2023/**dated 25-07-2022**

Subject : Construction / Improvements to road work - Postponement
Reference : This Office Tender Notification No. 01/2022- 2023 dated : 28-06-2022

With reference to the above Notification No. 01/2022-2023 dated : 28-06-2022 due to delay of obtaining approval for DTS, Tender has been postponed. **Pre-bid Meeting only for KW-4, Works will be held on 12-08-2022 (More than 100.00 Lakhs only) at 11.00 am in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya.** Documents may be downloaded from 06-08-2022, Last date of submission of Tender on 16-08-2022 at 4.30 pm, and opening at Technical Bid on 18-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards, Financial Bid opened on 20-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards.

Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Mandya Division, Mandya

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Will take up multi-speciality hospital issue with CM: Sudhakar

There has been a campaign for such a medical facility in Uttara Kannada district

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

K. Sudhakar

A day after Opposition leader Siddaramaiah extended support to the social media campaign demanding a trauma care centre and multi-speciality hospital for Uttara Kannada district, Health Minister K. Sudhakar took to Twitter on Monday promising that he would discuss the matter with the Chief Minister.

Online campaign

Dr. Sudhakar tweeted that he had observed the online campaign asking for a hi-tech trauma care centre and multi-speciality hospital in Uttara Kannada district and he would take up the issue of establishing the same on Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences premises with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

"I will also hold a meeting with all elected representatives of Uttara Kannada district on health infrastructure needs of the district, and get an action plan prepared and implemented," the Health Minister tweeted.

Leaders extend support

On Sunday, Mr. Siddaramaiah had tweeted rallying behind the people's online campaign for a multi-speciality hospital in Uttara Kannada district.

Meanwhile, another former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy also took to Twitter on Monday extending support to the campaign. He urged the BJP government to consider the demand on priority. The demand for a better health infrastructure in Uttara Kannada had got louder after a recent accident at Shiroor toll gate near Udupi involving an ambulance, in which four persons were killed. People had taken to Twitter and social media, arguing that despite being one of the biggest districts in the State, Uttara Kannada lacked an emergency hospital and a well-equipped multi-speciality hospital, forcing many to drive to Mangaluru or Manipal for treatment, risking the lives of those in need of critical care. Expressing their grievances through the hashtag #WeNeedEmergencyHospitalInUttaraKannada, netizens declared they would boycott the upcoming elections if their demands were not met.

> **I will also hold a meeting with all representatives of Uttara Kannada district on health infrastructure needs, and get an action plan prepared and implemented**
>
> K. SUDHAKAR
> Health Minister

Activists disrupt party at pub in Mangaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

A few people said to be Bajrang Dal activists disrupted a party being conducted by some college students at a pub in an upmarket area of the city on Monday night.

Indecent behaviour

Saying that drunk undergraduate students were indulging in indecent behaviour in the name of a farewell party, the activists entered the pub and asked the partying men and women to leave.

Police disperse crowd

Meanwhile, the police rushed to the spot and dispersed the activists. The students too left the place.

The incident occurred in Mangaluru North Police limits.

The police are yet to take up a case in this connection.

FROM PAGE ONE

'Centre won't implement draft of ESA in Western Ghats for now'

"However, the implementation of the draft notification will affect the lives of people already living there," he said. Mr. Bommai said that there has been no comprehensive survey of Western Ghats conducted so far. "Based on the satellite images the area is being declared as ecologically sensitive. No ground level survey has been done yet. People are living with nature in harmony. We do not want this to be disturbed. The Kasturirangan report has been prepared without seeking opinion from the people, and it did not distribute cultural and natural landscape."

S.M. Krishna writes to Gadkari on expressway work

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna has urged Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to consider the request of the people of Mandya city and Maddur with regard to the ongoing Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway project.

Discussion

Mr. Krishna said the people and representatives from Mandya met him and had a detailed discussion on incorporating some changes in the highway widening project work by constructing a junction near Maddur town for giving connectivity to four State highways and also in Mandya city for giving road highway accessibility to two State highways.

Plea made

In a letter to Mr. Gadkari, Mr. Krishna said the issue of Maddur-Malavalli, Maddur-Nagamangala, Maddur-Tumakuru, and Maddur-Halaguru where four State highways can be connected with the expressway by constructing exit and entry at Nidaghatta and Channegowdana Doddi of Maddur town has been addressed to the National Highway director and he has been requested to take the required action at the earliest besides providing proper facilities to farmers and students of the region for their seamless transport.

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E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the tender for execution of Retrofitting works for **Providing pipeline and FHTC's in Rural habitations of Ballari Taluks** works under JJM head, **respectively** through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website & Tender document download date 22.07.2022, The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 4.00pm on **08.08.2022** Date of opening of Technical Bid is at 11.00 am on 10.08.2022 and Pre-bid meeting is held at Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ballari, Above SBI Bank, Sudha Cross, Cantonment on 01.08.2022 For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/280/MCA/2022-23

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE

No: CMC/ HPT/CMC FUND /2022-23 Dated:21-07-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
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2022-23 Municipal Fund tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the Class-1 Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in e-procurement the contractors / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc., www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in 1) Tender Last Date: 08.08.2022 . TIME: 5.00 PM. 2) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 10.08.2022. TIME: 5.10 PM **INDENTNo.** DMA/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT129985 Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 50.00 Lakh, EMD Rs. 100000.00 any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER DETAILS

1) Name of Works : As mentioned in e-Portal, 2) Estimate cost of Work : As mentioned in e-Portal, 3 Eligibility of Contractor : As mentioned in e-Portal, 4) Amount put to tender : As mentioned in e-Portal, 5) Cost of tender form & Details of EMD : As mentioned in e-Portal, 6) Last date & time for tender queries/ clarifications KW-3& KC-6 : 12-08-2022 Up to 17-00 AM, 7) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders KW-3& KC-6 : 22-08-2022 Up to 16.00 Hours, 8) Date & time for opening of Technical bid KW-3& KC-6 : 24-08-2022 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 9) Date & time for opening of financial bid KW-3& KC-6 : 29-08-2022 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 10) For any clarification and details , office to be contacted : Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division Bidar. Phone/ Fax : 08482 232080, 11) Website details : e-procurement portal : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Bidar

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THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
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TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 17/22-23 Dt: 26.07.2022
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in Rs.
1	Supply of 11KV (I I/C+3 O/G) VCB panel. **HGML/2022-23/IND3368**	39.00	78,000/-
2	Supply of instrumentation spares for atlas copco compressor.**HGML/2022-23/IND3371**	6.55	16,500/-
3	Supply of 11KV/760V, 2000KVA transformer. **HGML/2022-23/IND3373**	33.51	67,000/-
4	Supply, installation, commissioning and testing of lathe machine. **HGML/2022-23/IND3357**	35.00	70,000/-
5	Supply of power distribution panels. **HGML/2022-23/IND3367**	12.00	30,000/-
6	Supply of ultrasonic slurry density meter. **HGML/2022-23/IND3356**	30.00	75,000/-
7	Supply of 2.0 ton inverter split air condition. **HGML/2022-23/IND3375**	6.50	16,250/-
8	Fabrication of explosive van body. **HGML/2022-23/PM/WORK_INDENT375/CALL-2**	24.00	48,000/-

Calendar of events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tender: **10.08.2022 at 4.00 P.M.** **(2)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **13.08.2022 at 10.00 A.M.** For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)

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No.EE/VJNL/UBP/DIV-06/CHALLAKERE QUOTATION/ 2022-23.847 DATE: 22.07.2022

INFORMATIVE QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

INFORMATIVE QUOTATION are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, VJNL, Bangalore, from interested agency for the Works **"Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of Lift System (Head Works consisting of construction of Intake canal, Jack well cum pump house, Power supply including terminal bays, substation, 33 KV transmission lines) Rising Main with Pressure distribution system, Construction of Gravity Distribution System in PavagadaTaluk (Filling of Tanks 38 Nos) and ChallakereTaluk (Filling of Tanks 21 Nos) Under Upper Bhadra Project including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work. (Indent No:1336)"** The information quotationsfor electrical item can be obtained in this office or at VJNL Nigama website **https://vjnl.karnataka.gov.in** filled informative quotation can be submitted to this office in sealed cover **from Date:21.07.2022 to 30.07.2022 till 05:30 pm**

DIPR/CTA/MCA/ 387/2022-23 Sd/-Executive Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project, Division 6, Challakere

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/858 **Date : 21.07.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos.: (1) 43467 (2) 43477 (3) 43484 (4) 43487 (5) 43488 (6) 43489 (7) 43493 (8) 43494 (9) 43468 (10) 43472 (11) 43481 (12) 43482 (13) 43483 (14) 43485 (15) 43857 call2 (16) 35718 call2 (17) 39447 call2 (18) 35304 call2 (19) 35293 call2 (20) 42103 (21) 42099.

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

Few conditions of the tender :

(1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **27.07.2022 & 01/04.08.2022 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of Opening of Single Cover Financial bid : **29.07.2022 & 03/06.08.2022 at 11.30 A M** (3) Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **03.08.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (4) Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **05.08.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (5) Specified time period for completion of works : **Single cover : 3 months (90 days) Double cover : 6 months (180 days)**

DIPR/SMG/No.139-07 zenkar/2022-23

sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

AICC asks Zameer to be careful while making public remarks

Surjewala reprimands the ex-Minister for his comments on Vokkaliga community

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Congress, which has been in damage-control mode over the statement of former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan on Vokkaligas, on Monday issued a stern warning and asked him to be careful in the future in making public remarks.

Congress sources said that the warning from All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala came after senior leaders in the party asked for intervention from the AICC as the issue was seen as going beyond control.

Party sources said that senior leaders including Mallikarjun Kharge, G. Parameshwara and Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad were among those who conveyed to the Central leadership that Mr. Khan needs to be reined in and was in the habit of embarrassing the party in recent times.

The Adichunchanagiri seer Sri Niramalanandanatha Swami is learnt to have taken exception to Mr. Khan's statement and spoke to Vokkaligas political leaders cutting across party lines expressing displeasure.

Your recent public remarks are completely unwarranted and in poor taste. It is expected from experienced Congress leaders to understand and adhere to the 'Lakshman Rekha' of the party's discipline and ideology.

RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA
AICC General Secretary

I owe my entry to politics to Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer. I joined Janata Dal (Secular) with his blessings. Ask about my relationship with Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer in Vijayanagar (branch) mutt. Why should I speak ill about Vokkaligas?

B.Z. ZAMEER AHMED KHAN
Former Minister

On Monday, Mr. Surjewala in his letter to Mr. Khan said: "Your recent public remarks are completely unwarranted and in poor taste. It is expected from experienced Congress leaders to understand and adhere to the 'Lakshman Rekha' of the party's discipline and ideology. Unwarranted and uncharitable statements help no one except to create avoidable controversies and bitterness." Further, he said: "Regrettably your inessential public statements have ended up creating unnecessary fault lines."

Pointing to the foundational ideology of the Congress of inherent inclusiveness - away from divisions of caste and religion - Mr. Surjewala said no party member should make any remarks or statements against the grain of this all-encompassing thought.

"You are hereby warned to be careful in the future in making public remarks and steadfastly adhere to the discipline and ideology of the Congress," the letter warned.

Party sources also said that the KPCC Disciplinary Committee headed by K. Rahman Khan is also looking at the statement for any violation of party's discipline.

Khan clarifies

Meanwhile, Mr. Khan, who has tried to clarify his stand, said that he had not spoken ill of Vokkaligas anywhere. "I owe my entry to politics to Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer. I joined Janata Dal (Secular) with his blessings. Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda is my political guru. I have many Vokkaliga friends," he tweeted.

"Ask about my relationship with Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer in Vijayanagar (branch) Mutt. Why should I speak ill about Vokkaligas?" he asked, accusing BJP leaders R. Ashok and C.T. Ravi of creating the controversy.

In a series of tweets earlier, Mr. Khan said: "I have enormous respect towards Vokkaligas. There is no difference of opinion with KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar."

Courts, tribunals have to be alive to changing situations in awarding compensation: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Observing that the courts and the tribunals will have to be alive to changing situations in awarding compensation in road accident cases, the High Court of Karnataka has said that it would result in grave injustice if notional income is calculated based on the parameters existed in 1992 to award compensation for the death occurred in 2013.

Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde made these observation while enhancing compensation amount to ₹11 lakh as against the ₹5.4 lakh awarded by the tribunal in favour of parents of a 17-year-old boy, who died in 2013 in a road accident involving a bus belonging to State transport corporation.

Cost of living, inflation

Disagreeing with computation of loss of dependency and future income based on notional income considered by the apex court while awarding compensation way back in 1992, Justice Hegde pointed out that the cost of living, inflation and erosion in the value of the rupee and consequent revision in wages post 1992 and the present scenario will have to be considered while determining the compensation.

"The value of the rupee in 1992 was far more than its value in 2013. Since then there is a steady erosion in the value of the rupee, the cost of living has gone up. Wages have also witnessed upward revision. None can deny these facts. The logical corollary is that the 'notional income' to be determined to assess the compensation for the death that occurred in the year 2013, should also be more than the notional income fixed in 1992," the High Court observed.

"Even if notional income is to be considered for determining compensation, the notional income to be arrived at should be rational and sensible. If not, the very object of awarding compensation gets defeated. Compensation awarded by taking grossly inadequate notional income cannot be termed as compensation in its truest sense of the word," the High Court said.

The High Court has calculated the notional income as ₹1.1 lakh per annum by taking into various parameters for the purpose of awarding compensation. The tribunal had in 2015 considered notional income as ₹30,000 per annum as notional income as was taken by the apex court in 1992 in an accident case.

High Court finds no merit in PIL plea seeking additional security for Justice Sandesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday rejected a PIL petition filed by an advocate seeking additional security for Justice H.P. Sandesh, a judge of the court, in view of the latter's recent disclosure that he had faced 'threat' while hearing a bail petition related to a bribery case.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Ramesh Naik L., a resident of Tumakuru.

"No factual foundation has been laid either in the pleadings of the petition or in the email dated July 5, 2022 sent by the petitioners to the court with regard to any threat perception to Justice Sandesh. It has also not been stated that the security provided to him is inadequate," the Bench observed.

'No merit'

The Bench said that "there is no merit in the plea to provide additional security (like Y, Y+, Z, Z+) as the petitioner has not stated that the extent of security provided to Justice Sandesh at present is inadequate." On the plea of the petitioner to direct the State government to set up a special investigation team under the supervision of the High Court to probe the 'threat of transfer' to Justice Sandesh, the Bench pointed out that the transfer of judges from one high court to another is governed in the manner as prescribed in Article 222 of the Constitution of India.

The Bench also noted that the averments made by Justice Sandesh in his order sheet in the bail petition is subjudice before a Supreme Court in the special leave petitions filed by the Anti Corruption Bureau, and two officers, IAS officer J. Manjunath and IPS officer Seemant Kumar Singh against the observations made by Justice Sandesh.

As observations of Justice Sandesh is subjudice before the Supreme Court, the High Court cannot deal with the same subject, the Bench said while dismissing the petition.

Centre promises viability gap funding for Marina projects in three coastal areas

This will help improve commercial and tourism activities: Chief Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Centre has assured Karnataka of providing viability gap funding for the Marina projects at Byndoor, Mangaluru and Malpe that will help improve commercial and tourism activities in the area, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday, adding that the State would be seeking approval of CRZ extension to help boost tourism.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with Union Minister for Ports Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking to reporters at Delhi after meeting Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, on Monday, the Chief Minister said: "The Centre has assured the viability gap funding and has asked us to take it up on PPP model. We will invite tenders in the next 8 to 10 days and the State will also showcase this project in the Global Investors' Meet seeking investments."

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BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
Chief Minister

Mr. Bommai said that the about 27 project proposals under the Ministry worth about ₹1,800 crore was discussed during a long meeting with the Union Minister.

"Of the 27 projects, 10 have been approved already and the Centre has sought clarification for 10 others. Following a detailed discussion, the Centre has asked us to change the proposal for these 10 projects and submit again." Among others, the Chief Minister said that some proposals required approval from the Finance and Fisheries Ministry that would be approved after they are sent to these Ministries. "These include ₹250 crore Majoli fishing harbour to be approved by the Fisheries Ministry, change of name of Maritime Fisheries Training Institute."

Further, he said that while the Kali Waterway has been approved, the DPR has to be sent, and the Hangarkatte-Manipal waterway project for which currently survey is being conducted and DPR prepared were also discussed. "The Union Minister has promised to clear both proposals."

CRZ extension sought

The Chief Minister also said that the State will be pressing for approval from the Union Government for the extension of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) following the approval from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at Chennai. "While Goa and Kerala had received CRZ extension that enabled them to improve tourism activities, restriction was in place in Karnataka. The State had been trying to lift this restriction in the past 20 to 25 years, which has now received approval from the Regional Office in Chennai. We will also ask for quick approval from the Centre." All these would be a big boost to the economic development and tourism in the 320-km-long Karnataka's coast, he added.

Road projects

The State has sought Centre's assistance in taking up ring road projects in Raichur, Koppal, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, and Gadag during discussion with the Surface Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. According to Mr. Bommai, the Centre had sought certain concessions, including waiving off GST and royalty for aggregators, which the State has complied with.

"The Minster promised to take up the ring road projects shortly." While 23 to 24 railway overbridge projects in the State are pending, the Minister asked the State to send proposals, Mr. Bommai said.

Canara Bank Q1 net profit up 72%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Canara Bank on Monday posted a 72% increase in its net profit at ₹2,022 crore in the first quarter of the fiscal ended in June, as against ₹1,177 crore in the corresponding period a year ago.

The bank said a healthy credit growth and interest income helped the bank to grow its net profit substantially in the quarter.

During the period, the bank's net interest income grew by 10.15% to ₹6,785 crore as against ₹6,160 crore in the same period last year.

L.V. Prabhakar, MD and CEO of the bank, said, "In addition to the higher growth in net interest income, bank's non-interest income also grew by 25%. All provisions were under control and credit growth was healthy as well in Q1." During the quarter, the bank's domestic deposit stood at ₹10,52,907 crore marking a growth of 8.49% y.o.y while its domestic advances rose 13.14% y.o.y to ₹7,48,140 crore. Canara Bank saw its retail lending portfolio expanding by 11.56% in Q1 to ₹1,28,615 crore. Canara Bank said it was targetting recoveries to the tune of ₹15,000 crore in the current fiscal.

Students fall ill after dinner

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Twenty-five students of Kittur Rani Chennamma Residential School at Alur fell ill after dinner on Sunday. The staff took them to the government hospital after they began vomiting. H.V. Manjunath, Deputy Director, SWD, said that all children are recovering.

21 heads appointed to boards, corporations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In less than a fortnight after chiefs of 52 boards and corporations were removed, the process of appointment of fresh faces commenced on Monday. The orders were issued by respective departments by Monday evening, and heads of 21 boards and corporations have been appointed. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is in Delhi on a two-day official trip, may have received a green signal to go ahead with the appointment. This being the election year, the appointment to boards and corporations was seen as a crucial step in keeping the party workers and leaders in goodstead.

Nadda to attend BJP rally in Doddaballapur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

BJP president J.P. Nadda will be taking part in the BJP's rally at Doddaballapur on July 28, which is being held to mark one year in the office for Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. "The event will also mark three years of BJP's rule in Karnataka. It will be a public function," Mr. Bommai told presspersons in Delhi on Monday. He said that since the Parliament is in session, Mr. Modi will not attend the function.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of the below landowners (details provided in the table below), of converted land parcels totally admeasuring 4 acres 1 gunta, all situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing extent and boundaries as shown against each survey number and described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property". ARTISMO, a partnership firm and having its registered office at 108-F9,6TH Cross 2nd main, HGH Layout, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560032 has the development rights in respect of properties mentioned in Sl Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, vide the registered joint development agreement and general power of attorney dated 27.10.2021, 18.02.2021, 22.09.2021, 12.07.2021 and 15.04.2021, respectively.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 10 (Ten) days of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the landowners in relation to their respective ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of converted land parcels totally admeasuring 4 acres 1 gunta, all situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Extent: Acres	Extent: Guntas	Name of the Owner/s ("O") / Developer ("D")	BOUNDARIES
01	77/6	-	14,194.37 Sq.ft (i.e. 13 guntas approximately) and 8,712 Sq.ft (i.e. 8 guntas approximately	1. Vijayalakshmi alias Vijayalakshmi Sidhara, daughter of D.M. Srinivasaiah, residing at No.77 Malachite, Sobhaultima Campus, Jakkur Plantation, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064. ('O'). 2. ARTISMO ("D") (Joint development agreement dated 27/10/2021 registered as document No.2215/2021-22 and power of attorney dated 27.10.2021 registered as document No. 254/2021-22).	E: Halla W: Land bearing Survey No. 78. N: Land bearing Survey No. 77/5. S: Land bearing Survey Nos. 77/7, 77/15, 77/16, 77/17 and 77/18.
02	77/6	-	6	C.R Suresh, son of Late S. Ramakrishnappa, residing at No.81, Next To decathlon, Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli,Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North-562157 ("O").	
03	77/6	-	17	Rathnamma, wife of Late S. Ramakrishnappa, C.R Suresh, son of Late S. Ramakrishnappa and C.R. Prabha, daughter of Late S. Ramakrishnappa, all residing at No.81, Next To decathlon, Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli,Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North-562157 ("O").	
04	77/7	-	22	1. C. Rathnamma, wife of Late Revanna residing at No. 448, 2nd Cross, 1st Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 ('O'). 2. ARTISMO ("D") (Joint development agreement dated 18/02/2020 registered as document No. 08590/2020-21 and power of attorney dated 18/02/2020 registered as document No. 547/2020-21)	E: Property in Survey No.77/18. W: Property in Survey No.78. N: Property in Survey No. 77/6. S: Property in Survey Nos. 77/8, 77/9 and 77/10.
05	77/15	-	22	1. K. Latha, wife of Late Ramesh, R. Ronaka and R. Darshan, both children of Late Ramesh, all residing at No.28, 2nd Floor, Enclave, Jakkur Plantation Road, Bangalore-560064. ('O'). 2. ARTISMO ("D") (Joint development agreement dated 22/09/2021 registered as document No. 4256/2021-22 and power of attorney dated 22/09/2021 registered as document No. 305/2021-22)	
06	77/16	-	22	ARTISMO ("O")(Sale deed dated 21/04/2022 registered as document No. JAL-1-00212-2022-23).	
07	77/17	-	22	1. M. Ramachandra, Manju. R and Padma. R, both children of M. Ramachandra, all residing at 9th Cross, Near Sri Rama Temple, karanji katte, Kolar. ('O'). 2. ARTISMO ("D") (Joint development agreement dated 12/07/2021 registered as document No. 1911/2021-22 and power of attorney dated 12/07/2021 registered as document No. 151/2021-22)	
08	77/9	-	29	1. P. Gopalakrishna, son of P. Ramakrishna Naidu, residing at No.1106, Salarpuriya Satva, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055 ('O'). 2. ARTISMO ("D") (Joint Development Agreement dated 15/04/2021 registered as document No. 377/2021-22 and the power of attorney dated 15/04/2021 registered as document No. 30/2021-22)	E: Land bearing Survey No. 77/10. W: Land bearing Survey No. 77/8. N: Land bearing Survey Nos. 77/15 and 77/16. S: Village Border.

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Bangalore Date: 26.07.2022

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Recruitment Notification

Notification No.TIDCO / HR / Recruitment / 2022-1 **Dated:18.07.2022**

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Manager (Accounts) only through online mode from 26.07.2022 at 10 am to 16.08.2022 upto 5 pm from the eligible candidates who wish to join the services of Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited,(TIDCO) as detailed below:-

S.No	Name of the Post	No. of vacancy	Compensation	Mode of Recruitment
1.	Assistant Manager (Accounts)	One (1)	Consolidated Pay	Contract Basis

For the detailed notification, qualification, experience, selection process, online application and other details, please visit our official website https://tidco.com | https://careers.tidco.com

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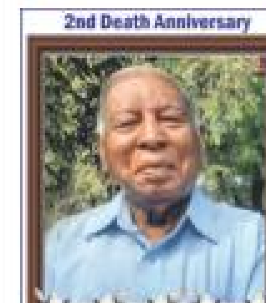

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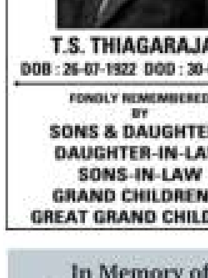

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Fresh floods in Godavari create panic

Though people have returned from relief camps, power and water supply are yet to be restored

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NARSAPURAM

Fresh floods in the Godavari, occurring for the second time in the past 15 days, have been creating jitters among the residents in the low-lying areas in Eluru and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh. Water level in the Godavari, which touched about 71.9 feet, the highest after 1986, inundated over 150 habitations, and over 30,000 families were affected.

About one lakh people were shifted to relief camps and the flood duty officers airdropped food and drinking water to the flood victims in the cut-off villages.

However, some thousands of families are worried as the flood level is rising for the second time in July. In some habitations, relief operations have been continuing, and power supply is not restored to many tribal hamlets in Velerupadu and Kukunur mandals.

In full flow: The Godavari in spate in Rajahmundry on Monday. • G.N. RAO

"We returned home from relief camps after 10 days. Roads and water tanks are filled with slush and the houses are damaged. Many household material were washed away. The news of Godavari floods for the second time is a shock for us," said U. Anasuya of Narsapuram.

"Some hundreds of families were taking shelter in the tents on the hills for the last 15 days. Almost all the electric poles and transformers were inundated in floods and there was no power supply. We depend on the food being supplied in the relief camps. Again water level is on the rise in Godavari creating unrest for us," said P. Dora Babu of Dacharam village in Eluru district.

West Godavari District Collector P. Prasanthi, who visited the affected villages in Elamanchili, Narsapuram and Achanta mandals, directed the Medical and Health department officials to take up sanitation work on a war-footing.

Eluru District Collector V. Prasanna Venkatesh, who interacted with the flood victims staying on the hills at Katukuru and Koida villages, enquired about supply of ration. He said that power would be restored once the flood recede completely.

Polavaram MLA Tellam Balaraju said, "Relief camps will continue till the situation returns to normal in all the tribal hamlets of the Agency area."

TTD adopts online tender system to get raw materials

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'e-procurement' is the new buzzword of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), which spends up to ₹500 crore a year to procure raw material for making laddu and other anna prasadams.

Taking into cognisance the large volume of its requirements, the IT-savvy TTD has already bid adieu to the offline tender system and espoused the 'e-tendering' system in order to bring in transparency in the procedure.

The TTD has a robust procurement system in place that avoids human interference.

Tenders are invited online and consignments received are stocked in the godowns spread over a two-acre site near Alipiri in Tirupati after undergoing a thorough testing process.

According to stipulations, only those who are registered with A.P. Technological Services are eligible to take part in the tenders.

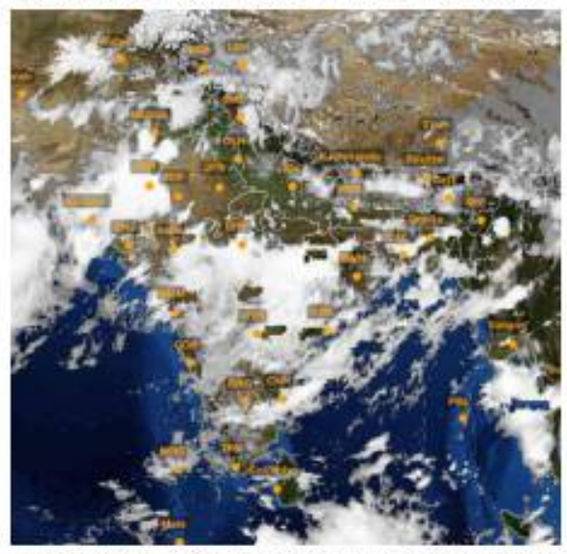
The participants have to qualify both technical and financial bids before being awarded contracts.

Once the bidding process is completed, the Andhra Pradesh Technology Services Limited (APTS) platform sends a communique to the bidders asking them to take part in the online reverse tendering system, which the State government has made mandatory in all cases where the supply orders exceed ₹1 crore.

The materials supplied are subjected to rigorous testing at the Food Analysis Laboratory in Tirumala for assessment of quality ahead of payment.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Odisha, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1.6	32.0	25.4	Kozhikode	–	32.4	24.6
Ahmedabad	14	31.2	25.0	Kurnool	–	33.0	24.7
Aizawl	6	27.0	21.1	Lucknow	0.5	32.3	26.1
Allahabad	–	34.5	25.4	Madurai	8	35.8	23.6
Bengaluru	0.4	28.5	20.2	Mangaluru	12.8	28.5	23.1
Bhopal	71.8	–	23.2	Mumbai	7	30.2	25.1
Bhubaneswar	19	29.7	23.9	Mysuru	–	32.0	20.8
Chandigarh	28.2	34.5	26.7	New Delhi	–	35.2	26.8
Chennai	–	35.0	26.8	Patna	–	34.6	27.1
Coimbatore	–	32.8	23.0	Port Blair	–	30.9	24.8
Dehradun	29	31.7	23.7	Puducherry	–	35.8	26.2
Gangtok	3	20.2	17.5	Pune	1.4	29.4	22.0
Goa	3	30.5	24.0	Raipur	3.2	31.0	25.0
Guwahati	0.3	34.0	26.4	Ranchi	3	29.0	24.1
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	13	23.5	17.9
Hyderabad	1.6	30.5	22.0	Shimla	20	25.9	18.6
Imphal	24	28.9	21.1	Srinagar	–	27.8	21.0
Jaipur	5	31.2	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	–	32.5	24.1
Kochi	–	30.2	25.0	Tiruchi	–	35.9	26.4
Kohima	25	27.6	16.4	Vijayawada	–	33.4	25.6
Kolkata	34	30.5	24.7	Visakhapatnam	0.6	32.0	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	54	16	.10	44	85	
Bengaluru	7	35	.56	32	99	
Chennai	15	29	.43	59	51	
Delhi	6	15	135	58	88	
Hyderabad	6	5	.52	60	51	
Kolkata	12	12	.18	33	52	
Lucknow	8	74	.69	62	69	
Mumbai	31	5	112	15	75	
Pune	–	36	.90	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	17	41	.20	46	82	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Rupnagar, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 151 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Two elephants electrocuted near Kushalnagar

This is the third incident in the last three months in Kodagu circle

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Two elephants died when they accidentally came into contact with a live 11 kV wire dangling from a pole in Nellihudikeri, near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district. The incident occurred inside a private estate over which the authorities had drawn the 11 kV line and is suspected to have taken place in the early hours of Monday but came to light when the plantation workers reported for duty.

This is the third such incident in the last three months in the Kodagu circle as a result of which four elephants have died due to electrocution.

A video grab of one of the electrocuted elephants being shifted from the private estate to Kushalnagar range for post-mortem.

B.N.N. Murthy, Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, said a branch of a tree collapsed on the 11 kV wire and though it was dislodged from the poles it did not snap and was hanging at a height of about six feet. The two elephants which were in the vicinity happened to pass by and were instantly electrocuted when they came into contact with the wire, said Mr. Murthy.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) drew flak for "negligence" and Mr. Murthy said that though they had been instructed to remove and trim all the branches close to the power cables, it had not been done.

He said that there was also a strong case for switching to insulated cables or power conductors for all power lines in the coffee landscape.

Mr. Murthy also said that once the lines trip for whatever reason, the power was discharged and posed no danger. But the CESC recharged the cable after five minutes without inspecting the cause for the tripping. "Though we have been pressing for insulated cables and power conductors the authorities concerned have not taken the steps and there could even be human fatalities under similar circumstances," he added.

When contacted, L. Somaraju, Superintending Engineer, CESC, Chamarajanagar-Kodagu Circle, said recharging the cables after five minutes was the standard practice and if the line tripped again then it was construed to be a line fault and personnel would be sent for inspection and fixing the cables. On switching to an insulated cable, Mr. Somaraju said it was being taken up in areas where the power lines were close to human habitation. But the cost of using such cables extensively across the district where the lines ran into hundreds of km was prohibitive and would be 10 times the cost of using conventional cables, he added.

Meanwhile, the carcasses of the two elephants were shifted from the estate to the Kushalnagar range for post-mortem.

Karnataka had lost 79 elephants in 2021 and as many as 11 elephants till May this year due to both natural and unnatural causes.

'Publicise anti-corruption helplines'

Put up ACB posters in all offices, hospitals within 3 weeks, says A.P. CM

STAFF REPORTER
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Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has directed officials to show zero tolerance to even the slightest acts of corruption. He said officials should prominently display posters of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) with toll-free complaint numbers at all government offices and hospitals within three weeks.

This would go a long way in checking corruption, the Chief Minister said at a review meeting on resource mobilisation at his camp office on Monday.

Mr. Reddy took stock of the expected revenues from various departments – GST, Excise, Stamps, Mines and Geology (M&G), Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA & UD), Transport and Forest – for the year 2022.

Forest Department officials informed the Chief Minister that in the next one month, the Centre would grant permission to export red sanders, and hence a global tender would be called for 5,376 tonnes. The Chief Minister directed officials to update the stocks of red sanders on a monthly basis and act against erring officials in case of data mismatch.

He instructed the officials of M&G Department to increase the number of coal production areas and double the number of units by the end of 2022.

"To decrease the import of coal, we should increase the number of operating mines," said the Chief Minister.

Officials highlighted the Khanij Vikas Award won by the department for best practices in exploration, auctioning and monitoring of mining activities.

Cases should be filed against owners and drivers of vehicles found transporting illicitly distilled (ID) liquor. Further, at least one surprise check should be conducted at every liquor shop per month, the Chief Minister said. "Non-bailable cases should be filed against people for manufacturing and selling ID liquor. Any political nexus should be exposed and strong action taken against all those involved in it," Mr. Reddy said.

To clean up the corruption in sub-registrar offices, the Chief Minister directed officials to come up with innovative ideas, and told them to publicise the services offered at registration offices in the Sachivalayams.

Rain-washed route

Cool drive: Tourists heading towards Agumbe in Shivamogga district of Karnataka. Agumbe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Western Ghats, is known as the 'Cherrapunji of the South' owing to the copious rainfall the region gets. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Polish man held for illegally sailing into India

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R. KRISHNAMOORTHY
CHENNAI/TIRUCHI

Coastal security agencies have arrested a Polish national who illegally entered Tamil Nadu by boat. Separately, central intelligence agencies have issued an alert on the possible intrusion of a few Chinese nationals into India by taking the sea route.

According to police sources, the Polish national, identified as Matuszewski Wladyslaw Francisze, 40, had gone to Sri Lanka as a tourist in 2019 and reportedly overstayed. He was arrested by the police on Sunday hours after he landed near Point Calimere in a rubber dinghy and went into hiding. He was picked up for questioning at Arcottuthurai nearby.

Mr Matuszewski reportedly told investigators at Vedaranyam that he had landed at Point Calimere hoping to get back to his country. Preliminary inquires revealed he was involved in a criminal offence in Sri Lanka and was arrested but was out on bail.

Amidst the ongoing political turmoil and economic setback in the island nation, he planned to escape and reached India in an inflatable boat. Even the visa extended for his stay to appear in court in connection with the case seemed to have expired, police sources said. Additional Director-General of Police, Coastal Security Group, Sandeep Mittal, said investigators were in touch with the Embassy of Poland in India. Efforts were on to ascertain the other antecedents of the suspect.

Mr. Matuszewski had ventured out of the nearby reserve forest in the evening, and the locals had informed the police.

Ravi Varma's kin seek Bharat Ratna for him

Proposal by Kilimanoor Palace highlights the impact of his works on generations

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Ahead of the 175th birth anniversary fete of the legendary artist Raja Ravi Varma, who revolutionised Indian aesthetics and redefined art practice during the colonial era, the erstwhile royal family of Kilimanoor has urged the Union government to posthumously confer the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, on him.

In a proposal submitted to G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Culture, the Kilimanoor Palace Trust said considering Ravi Varma's creative excellence, path-breaking innovations, artistic prowess and exceptional performance that carried India's name and fame beyond its borders, his family and the people who love him believe that he is the most eligible candidate for the highest civilian honour.

Raja Ravi Varma

Ramavarma Thampuran K.R., general secretary of the trust, told *The Hindu*, "I would say it is still not too late to honour and perpetuate the memory of the master painter who democratised art and popularised the characters of myths and classical literature with his masterly brush strokes. His paintings continue to inspire generations and exert influence on art, architecture, culture, religion, textiles, ceramics, and fashion accessories even now. In addition, Hinduism and the country are obliged to him as he changed the images of gods and goddess from the supernatural to the human form," said Mr. Thampuran.

"We hope there will be a positive decision as the Union Minister has responded to our request sympathetically. We will soon submit a proposal to hold a one-year-long grand anniversary celebration across the country in connection with his 175th birth anniversary fete," said Mr. Thampuran. It is believed that he had made around 7,000 paintings before his death at the age of 58. But only one painting is now left in 'Chithrashala,' the artist's studio at Kilimanoor Palace – an unfinished portrait of 'Parsi lady' which was his last work.

Born into the aristocracy at Kilimanoor in the erstwhile Travancore on April 29, 1848, Mr. Varma's women-centric paintings portray a vast variety of their expressions and costumes. Some of his popular works include 'Lady in the Moonlight', 'Nair Lady Adorning Her Hair', 'Malabar Lady with Violin', 'Lady with Swarbat', and 'Maharashtrian Lady with Fruits'.

Varsity Registrar-in-Charge held on sexual harassment charge

Student alleges he misbehaved with her at his residence

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Periyar University Registrar-in-Charge D. Gopi, 48, was on Monday arrested on the charge of sexually harassing one of his students at his official residence in Salem.

Mr. Gopi was staying at the official residence of the Registrar on the university campus. On Sunday night, he lodged a complaint with Karuppur police, claiming that unidentified persons entered his home, attacked him and took away his mobile phone. After that, he was admitted to a private hospital.

Acting on his complaint, the police, as part of the investigation, verified CCTV camera footage from the university premises and noticed a woman and three youths leaving his house.

On Monday, the police identified the 25-year-old woman as a Ph.D student of the university. The three youths were her distant relatives, who had studied with her in school. On being questioned, the woman alleged that the Registrar-in-charge had sexually harassed her, and hence, her relatives had attacked him.

She also lodged a complaint, on the basis of which the police registered a case against Mr. Gopi under Sections 354 (a) and 354 (d) of the IPC and Section 4 of the Women's Harassment Act. He was later arrested.

On Mr. Gopi's complaint, the police registered a case against the Ph.D student and her relatives under Sections 448, 323, 392, 397, and 506 (i) of the IPC.

Assistant Commissioner of Police J. Nagarajan told *The Hindu* that inquiries revealed that the Registrar in-Charge asked the student to come to his residence to discuss her thesis.

One of her relatives took her to the residence, and was waiting for her near the engineering college. She later came out of the house and informed him that Mr. Gopi misbehaved with her. He, in turn, called two of his relatives, and they all went to Mr. Gopi's residence and attacked him, Mr. Nagaraj said.

Learning lessons

India must step up research and prepare adequate defences against monkeypox

The World Health Organization, for the second time in two years, has declared a viral outbreak to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). With four cases confirmed in India and around 14,500 cases globally, monkeypox outbreaks have triggered international consternation in a world that is yet to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. After a split verdict at the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee meeting – on whether monkeypox deserves to be termed a PHEIC – it fell on WHO's Director-General, Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, to take a call. A PHEIC is just one step short of a 'pandemic' classification. Following the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020, WHO had come under criticism for not responding with alacrity on the public health threat that the coronavirus pandemic portended. It had termed the COVID-19 crisis as a PHEIC on January 30, 2020 when global cases were around 7,500, or about half the levels now reported for monkeypox. The following February was the pivotal month that compelled WHO to elevate threat levels and push the world into territory that it had not navigated since the 1918 influenza pandemic. Though monkeypox is caused by a virus that is endemic in a few African countries, the world took note only after it was first reported in the U.K. on May 6, 2022. Within a month-and-a-half, it spread to 63 countries, with Spain, Belgium and the U.S – historically non-endemic for the virus – beginning to report a spike in cases. In Africa too, transmission has been historically limited and there is uncertainty over the events that have caused such a global spike.

Monkeypox, for now, has more visible manifestations such as rashes and blisters and is said to be over-represented in men who have sex with men. It is believed to spread only through close contact and is fatal only to the extremely immunocompromised. WHO has recommended that countries step up surveillance, amplify public awareness campaigns, governments work towards not stigmatising the disease, and health infrastructure be primed towards producing diagnostic kits. The experience from the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that governments implement measures to avoid 'panic' but are often opaque and vague with the information necessary to quell it. While it is unclear how the monkeypox outbreak will play out in the months to come, the Government must begin coordinated action with the States to accurately summarise and disseminate the extent of the threat. Until now, monkeypox fell under the category of neglected tropical diseases. Related to the eradicated smallpox virus, monkeypox is suspected to have amplified due to reduced immunity against the smallpox virus. Indian labs and biotech companies must step up research and mine their arsenal to prepare adequate defences if the need arises.

Golden arm

Neeraj Chopra is an unlikely hero for India's sports fans

Neeraj Chopra's silver in men's javelin at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, United States, marks one of India's greatest sporting successes. Even as the celebratory euphoria over his stunning Olympic triumph from last year is yet to fully die down, Chopra produced another brilliant show to savour with his maiden podium finish at the Worlds. It is admittedly not the precious yellow metal that everyone craves for, but the medal is worth its weight in gold, for it is the first for an Indian male, and the second ever after Anju Bobby George's bronze in women's long jump (Paris, 2003). The affable 24-year-old now has a rich and enviable collection of medals, the latest silver adding to the golds in the World Junior Championships (2016), Asian Championships (2017), Commonwealth Games (2018), Asian Games (2018) and the Olympics (2021). In a small window of half-a-dozen years, he has accomplished what many dream of over an entire career. But like most great champions, Chopra is not satisfied and already appears to have reassessed his targets – of "changing the colour of medal" to gold at the next Worlds and winning the Diamond League crown. It is the same spirit displayed by Swedish pole-vaulter Armand Duplantis, holder of every big title and world record, who found the energy and motivation to obliterate his own best mark (6.16m, outdoors) by scaling 6.21m in a glorious last act as the Championships drew to a close.

While it is true that Chopra's legacy was already gold-coated, courtesy the epoch-defining Olympic victory, the performance in Eugene enhanced it further. It would not be an exaggeration to suggest that Indians woke up on Sunday confident of Chopra securing a medal, with only the colour a matter of debate. Such expectation from an Indian track and field athlete was practically unheard of. Among the truest tests in sport is to handle this pressure, and relax into the moment. That Chopra managed this under less-than-ideal conditions – negotiating a thigh strain and a headwind – against a formidable opponent in defending champion Anderson Peters whose opening salvo was a whopping 90.21m throw, and still came up with an effort (88.13m) that was better than his Olympics mark (87.58m) is down to his genius. As Chopra redefines success for a nation that has often exulted, and been satisfied, with pint-sized accomplishments, a doping cloud hanging over Indian athletics has produced a sobering backdrop. High-profile athletes, including national record-holders, have been caught. If India aspires to catch up with world standards and march in tow, it is up to administrators and fellow athletes to get their acts together and lend the generational champion a helping hand.

A global order caught up in a swirl of chaos

The Ukraine-Russia conflict is only one of the many strands altering the contours of world governance

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Adrift at the end of the 20th century, the world of the 21st century is proving to be highly chaotic. Geopolitical experts in the West confine their findings at present solely to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, believing that this alone would determine not only war and peace but also other critical aspects as well. This tends to be a myopic view, for the Ukraine-Russia conflict is only one of the many strands currently altering the contours of world governance. Significant developments are also taking place in many other regions of the globe, which will have equal if not more relevance to the future of the international governance system.

What the German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, said in June 2022 at the end of a three-day gathering of G7 leaders in the Bavarian Alps, sums up the prevailing mood overall, *viz.*, "a time of uncertainty lies ahead of us. We cannot foresee how it will end". In this case possibly, the German Chancellor was referring only to the fallout from the Ukraine-Russia conflict, for he clearly did not reckon with the fact that many other momentous changes were taking place outside Europe, and which are already beginning to dictate the new order of things. The obsession in the West over the outcome of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, giving it an importance overriding all else, is indeed misleading.

Europe may be rudderless

European leaders tending to look inwards is, perhaps, not surprising. Europe has been undergoing several major changes in recent months. Germany, which has steered European politics for almost two decades under Angela Merkel, now has a Chancellor (Olaf Scholz) who has hardly any foreign policy experience. Without Germany's steadying hand, Europe would be virtually adrift in troubled waters. Emmanuel Macron may have been re-elected the President of France, but his wings have been clipped with the Opposition now gaining a majority in the French National Assembly. This has damaged his image, and Mr. Macron can hardly be expected to provide the kind of leadership that Europe needs at present. The United Kingdom is in deep trouble, if not disarray. Consequently, at a time when actual and moral issues require both deft and firm handling, Europe appears rudderless.

Compounding this situation is the negative economic impact of the war in Ukraine. This is being felt not only in Europe but also across the globe. What is evident already is that apart from the spiralling cost of energy, food and fertilizers, quite a few countries confront the spectre of food scarcity given that Ukraine and Russia were generally viewed as the granaries of the world. Apart from this, nations do face several other problems as well, including, in some cases, a foreign exchange crisis. Many of these problems may have existed earlier but have been aggravated by the ongoing conflict. The impact is being felt now well beyond Europe.

Six months into the Ukraine-Russia conflict, the topology of geopolitics also appears to be undergoing major changes. It is occurring in directions that were not envisaged previously. The instruments employed by the West against Russia, such as sanctions, have not had the desired impact as far as the latter is concerned. It would be a serious error of judgment if the West were to imagine that the unity and the strength displayed by the European nations (backed by the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on this occasion), has been a win-win situation. The situation in Europe is still to be decided, but what is also becoming obvious is that outside Europe, the conflict is beginning to take on a different dimension, leading to the emergence of new patchworks of relationships.

A China-Russia link

A churn in global politics is evident. China and Russia, for instance, appear to have further cemented their relationship and the situation is fast veering towards a formal alliance. Russia's growing closeness to China – further intensified by the Ukraine-Russia conflict – has revived memories of the 1950s Sino-Soviet alliance, and their bonhomie during the 1950s and 1960s. At the time, this had been described as a 'lips and teeth' relationship.

Meanwhile, China's growing influence in the Pacific region, including in the Indo-Pacific, and further strengthened by the entente with Russia, may hardly be a by-product of the Ukraine-Russia conflict, but it has induced fresh energy into a possible conflict between two rival power blocs. Not all the efforts of the United States, including the AUKUS (Australia, the U.K. and the U.S.) and the Quad (the U.S., India, Australia and Japan), or the launch of another Indo-Pacific entity, *viz.*, 'Partners in the Blue Pacific' (comprising the U.S., the U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Japan) can hope to effectively stem the winds of change sweeping across the Pacific and the Indo-Pacific. Understanding the changing nature of relationships in Asia, and considering that most Asian nations appear unwilling to take sides in the event of a conflict, is important. Unlike the unity and the strength displayed by European nations – backed by the U.S. and NATO – to checkmate Russia, and diminish its image, there is no evidence of any such unity of purpose in the event that China was to launch a conflict with Taiwan.

India and its neighbourhood

In the prevailing atmosphere, India does find itself wedged into a difficult situation. It cannot ignore the situation created by the stronger bonds between Russia and China. While relations with China may continue to remain uncertain and unsatisfactory (for some time at least), India will need to determine whether Russia can be expected to play a role as a 'trusted friend' of India's. Again, it would be too much to hope that in dealing with China, India can expect the same kind of support it may need from the Quad. China, however, seems intent on establishing its dominance and also sidelining India in Asia, which New Delhi would have discerned in the course of the virtual BRICS Summit hosted by China in June. China's newfound confidence and its attempt to hijack the situation as part of its preparations for a new world order was very much in evidence on that occasion.

Apart from China, India also urgently needs to come to terms with a Taliban Afghanistan. Its attempt to devise a working relationship with a Taliban Afghanistan without having to compromise with its previous policy of 'no truck' with the Taliban is as yet in a very nascent stage. Time is, however, of the essence.

At this time, the democratic upsurge in Sri Lanka which has resulted in the removal of the Rajapaksas from power, presents India with a fresh set of problems. India's relation with the previous regime could at best be termed correct, rather than cordial, but in a situation where 'rage' and 'anger' are the dominant sentiments, there is every reason for concern that even governments that have maintained a 'hands-off' relationship could become targets of the new forces emerging in Sri Lanka. There are also aspects of the Sinhala 'Janata *Aragalaya*' that need to be carefully studied, to ensure that its advent does not result in the emergence of an anti-India atmosphere in Sri Lanka.

Churn in West Asia

In the 21st century, among other major developments taking place, is the kind of churn that is continuing in West Asia. The Abraham Accords in 2020, which brought about the entente between the United Arab Emirates and Israel, has been the harbinger of certain new trends in the tangled web of relationships among countries of West Asia. But even as the U.S.'s relations with Arab nations in West Asia appear to weaken, Russia and China are beginning to play key roles, with Iran as the fulcrum for establishing new relationships. Russia's forays into West Asia have taken a quantum leap. Relations with Iran have been firmed up. China continues to steadily build on its connections with the region, and with Iran in particular.

For its part, India has been making steady progress in enlarging its contacts and influence in West Asia. While the India-Israel relationship dates back to the 1990s, the India-UAE relationship has blossomed in the past couple of years. India-Iran relations, however, seem to have reached a stalemate of late. India has, however, been inveigled into joining a U.S.-based group, the I2U2, comprising India, Israel the UAE and the U.S. The U.S. has indicated that this body could become a 'feature' of the West Asian region, just like the Quad was for the Indo-Pacific. Details of the new arrangements are unclear, but it is evident that the target is Iran, as China is for the Quad, injecting yet another element of uncertainty into an already troubled region.

Nuclear deterrence

Finally, and in the wake of western allegations about the possible use by Russia of tactical/battlefield nuclear weapons, concerns are beginning to be expressed by U.S. academics – many with close connections to the establishment – of an existing gap between India and China in terms of India's nuclear deterrent capability. The argument being adduced is that a wide gap exists today in regard to China and India's nuclear deterrent capabilities, and implicitly blames India for its voluntary ban on testing and its 'no-first-use' doctrine from making progress in this arena. What is also implied is that India could overcome the lacuna by seeking the assistance of western nations which have such capabilities and knowledge. It is unclear, as of now, whether this has any traction among officials in the West, but it is important for India to guard against such pernicious attempts at this time to undo its carefully negotiated and structured nuclear policy and doctrine, and be inveigled into any anti-China western move on this front.

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Reform bail law, but make the right diagnosis first

Any reimagination of the law needs to examine the exact nature of what is causing large-scale undertrial incarceration

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Over 75% of India's prison population are undertrials while overcrowding in Indian prisons stands at 118%. These stark realities are often cited to represent the scale of the crisis in India's criminal justice system. The Supreme Court of India recently acknowledged, in *Satender Kumar Antil vs CBI*, the ineffectiveness of India's bail system and its contribution to this crisis. The Court noted that despite repeated guidelines on bail law, things have not changed much on the ground. The Court provided comprehensive guidelines on laws related to bail, such as mandating timelines for the disposal of bail applications and laying emphasis on the need to enact a separate legislation. The judgment noted that crowding jails with undertrial prisoners ignored the principle of 'presumption of innocence' and that 'bail not jail' should be the norm. However, there is still a need to reflect on why these established principles are honoured more in their breach than observance.

Any reimagination of the law on bail needs to first understand the exact nature of the problem that results in large-scale undertrial incarceration. This assessment needs to be based on multiple parameters and we have no real empirical evidence on how each of these impacts the issue. What proportion of undertrials are applying for bail? What proportion of bail applications are accepted or rejected, and on what grounds? Is bail compliance a far bigger problem than denial of bail? These are some fundamental empirical questions which need answers. An effective bail law must be based on the correlation of these answers with variables such as the demographics of undertrials, category of offences and timelines for bail, and also address socio-economic and structural barriers. The foundations of the current bail law ensure that it is anti-poor and disproportionately burdens those from marginalised backgrounds. The solutions we intend to craft must be based on a deep and realistic understanding of the problem.

Lack of safeguards

The Court averred that effective enforcement of safeguards against arbitrary arrest would eliminate the need to seek bail from courts. However, these safeguards exclude a significant proportion of arrested persons, especially those from disadvantaged sections of society, who form the large majority of undertrial prisoners. For example, the arrest of a person is justified as 'necessary' if the police have 'reasons to believe' that it is required to ensure their presence in court. Such vague justifications put migrants, persons without assets or those with no contact with family at higher risk of arrest because of their socio-economic conditions. Data from the Fair Trial Programme (FTP) in Yerwada and Nagpur central prisons can be instructive here. Of the undertrials (2,313) represented by the FTP , 18.50% were migrants, 93.48% did not own any assets, 62.22% did not have any contact with family, and 10% had a history of previous incarceration. Evidently, a significant proportion from the sample would be unjustifiably excluded from protections against arrest and contribute to the large proportion of undertrials in our prisons.

Approach to bail adjudication

The power to grant bail is largely based on the court's discretion and depends on the facts of each case. The Supreme Court has time and again laid down principles for guiding the exercise of such discretion by courts in deciding bail applications. While these guidelines lay stress upon the need to release applicants on bail, they also validate the denial of bail or imposition of onerous bail conditions based on the gravity of the offence, character of the accused and likelihood of the accused absconding or tampering with evidence. In all such cases, courts rarely exercise their discretion for granting bail and are likely to take a more stringent approach against release on bail. Despite existing guidelines, courts do not usually record reasons for rejecting bail; the rationale behind how courts factor in offence-based and person-based considerations in deciding bail applications remains unclear.

This is important because marginalised persons bear the brunt of these broad exceptions. They are either denied bail or granted bail with onerous conditions, in absolute disregard of their realities. Bail conditions in the nature of cash bonds, surety bond, proof of property ownership and solvency, as is commonplace, are at odds with the reality of undertrial prisoners languishing in jails.

Challenges in bail compliance

A large number of undertrials continue to remain in prison despite being granted bail due to challenges in complying with bail conditions. Lack of means to arrange for money/property and local sureties are the most significant reasons accounting for an undertrial's inability to comply with bail conditions, realities borne out by our experience in the FTP. However, factors such as lack of residence and identity proof, abandonment by family and limitations in navigating the court system also undermine an undertrial's ability to comply with bail conditions. Compliance with bail conditions and ensuring presence in courts for the overwhelmingly structurally disadvantaged undertrials requires constant handholding, as is evident by the FTP's interventions in the past three years. This is a crucial aspect of ensuring last mile delivery of justice that the extant bail law does not consider.

Our experience shows that in 14% of cases, undertrials were unable to comply with bail conditions and remained in prison despite being granted bail. In almost 35% of these cases, it took over a month after obtaining the bail for undertrials to comply with bail conditions and secure their release.

Flawed assumptions

The bail system, as it currently operates, has flawed assumptions that every arrested person will be propertied or have access to propertied social connections. It presumes that the risk of financial loss is necessary to ensure the presence of the accused in court. Such assumptions have the effect of rendering the rule of 'bail not jail' meaningless for a significant proportion of undertrial persons. For any bail law to effectively provide relief, a careful re-evaluation of the said presumptions is imperative. There is an urgent need for bail reform but it would be counterproductive to undertake a reform exercise without first developing the empirical basis to understand and diagnose the problem at hand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Climate concerns

In his address to the nation on the eve of demitting office, it is quite laudable that former President Ram Nath Kovind made a fervent appeal to the citizens of India to protect the environment (Page 1, July 25). Mr. Kovind's expression of climate concerns should help give impetus to strategies in mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change. It cannot be reiterated that a number of international agencies have repeatedly warned of serious global changes due to climate change.

G. RAMASUBRAMANYAM,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

New beginning

While one cannot minimise the significance of a woman belonging to the tribal community being elected as the 15th President of India, it would be too much to expect a world of change in the life of tribals and their securing a just place in society. Our country has seen countless struggles by many women leaders for improving the lot of tribals and against their displacement. Therefore, what the situation calls for is a strong tribal movement which the Government should not suppress, but support. One hopes this will happen with the election of Droupadi Murmu.

N.G.R. PRASAD,
Chennai

Champion athlete

There is no doubt that Neeraj Chopra has turned out to be India's most consistent athlete in the past few years ('Sport' page, "Olympic champ Neeraj makes history with javelin silver", July 25). Despite a lone medal, there is much promise as far as the future of Indian athletics is concerned.

VINOD DEWASI,
Bilara, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Backsliding on climate action

Western nations have started reinterpreting the Paris deal and look to downgrade their commitments

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The Mehrum coal-fired power station in Mehrum, Germany • AP

Countries in Europe led by Germany, Austria and the Netherlands are cranking up their coal plants again. Coal exports to Europe are surging. Fossil fuels are making a comeback and countries are rejecting the European Union (EU)'s plan to reduce natural gas consumption by 15%. Dutch, Polish and other European farmers are protesting against emission cuts from agriculture. Renewables are nowhere near meeting the rising power demand in summer or winter, with record high temperatures now. Hasty and ill-conceived EU climate policies are coming home to roost. While the current problems are being blamed on the Ukraine conflict, and more specifically Russia, they actually started when power prices began surging well before anything happened in Ukraine. Europe is staring at a recession and its appetite for climate action is waning.

Downgrading commitments

In the U.S. too, the Senate and the Supreme Court have struck blows to climate action. And in the U.S. too, prices of fuel started increasing last year, not just this year. This is causing inflation. Energy security is nowhere near. Fossil fuels are making a quiet comeback, since the strength of the U.S. is its oil and gas industry. That is why we have just witnessed a 're-calibration' of U.S. policy towards the Gulf. The U.S.'s choice is between concentrating on its economy and getting it on track for its people or fighting hard against climate change and facing an irate electorate in November. The choice is clear.

So, coal, oil and gas are not going anywhere in the developed world; they are, in fact, making a comeback. It was foolish to think that the world would miraculously transition, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, to renewables. The West had rushed to draw down on fossil fuels even before technology for renewables were in place. Many developing countries are also facing unrest due to skyrocketing energy prices, which are threatening their governments. The United Nations, unsurprisingly, continues to pillory coal. In this scenario, we may do well to remember that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who made ambitious pledges on climate change last year in Glasgow at the Conference of the Parties (COP). Further, when India fought to make the COP language closer to our current energy-mix reality by calling for a 'phase down' of coal rather than a 'phase out', the COP President supposedly 'struggled to hold back tears'.

With countries of the developed world almost sure to renege on their 2030 Paris Agreement commitments, countries of the developing world must do everything to hold the countries of the developed world to their commitments and not get unwittingly drawn into their game. In fact, the EU Commissioner of Climate Action and Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete, helpfully signalled that the U.S. can downgrade its pledge under the Paris deal. G-7 leaders met to only backtrack on their pledges. If they all start downgrading pledges, which seems almost inevitable, who do they expect will compensate? The Global South, of course.

And so, the game is on. The Western nations have already started reinterpreting the Paris Agreement and look to downgrade their commitments. If they pull back, what will happen to the Paris deal aim of limiting global warming to below the 2°C limit (leave alone 1.5°C)? More importantly, what can the developing countries do to stop this backsliding by the developed world?

To begin with, we need to understand how the concept of net zero is being cleverly misinterpreted. To bring this to the attention of the Global South, India, China and eight other countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America made a cross-regional statement on 'global net zero' on June 7 at the UN on World Environment Day. I take the liberty of referring to it at some length.

Article 4 of the Paris Agreement defines 'Global Peaking' thus: "In order to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2, Parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country Parties." The cross-regional statement by the 10 countries says, "We believe that the word 'global peaking' is a conscious and considered insertion in the Paris Agreement text with full recognition of the fact that peaking will take longer for developing countries. The developed countries, given their historical emissions, will have to peak first. That's why the reference is to 'global peaking' and not 'individual peaking'. From this, it logically follows that when developing country parties peak later than developed countries, they will also achieve net zero later than developed countries. Consequently, it is the logical conclusion of the Article 4 of the Paris Agreement that when we consider net zero, we should only consider 'global net zero' and not 'individual net zero' for 2050. Any other interpretation will be contrary to Article 4..."

The statement further says, "It becomes clear that a global net zero, where developing countries take longer to reach net zero, can only be achieved if developed countries reach net zero earlier than 2050. Therefore, developed countries must reach net zero well before 2050 in order to achieve overall global net-zero target by around mid-century..." The statement, therefore, calls on developed countries to "do a net negative" on mitigation by 2050 rather than just "net zero", if they are serious about fighting climate change. In effect, the West needs to do a net minus and not just net zero. To claim that by achieving net zero in 2050, they will keep the temperature within the 2°C limit is a chimera.

Thanks to the efforts of India, the phrase used in the 2021 summit-level declarations at both G-20 and Quad is 'global net zero'. We need to build on this understanding.

Holding their feet to the fire

But the back-sliding has begun. One of the prime ministerial candidates in the U.K. said recently that the net zero plan "musn't clobber people". This is another way of saying, let's forget about it for the present, shall we? We can't forget about the present or the future. The "global stocktake" of the Paris Agreement will be done in 2023 to assess the world's collective progress towards achieving the long-term goals (Article 14). In the current scenario, this stocktake may well provide the developed countries the right forum to shift the burden of their mitigation commitments on developing countries, knowing well that they will not be able to meet theirs by 2030.

And what is happening to the plan of developed countries mobilising $100 billion per year by 2020 for climate action in developing countries? Can the Global South transition to renewables without genuine transfer of credible technology? India stands as beacon of hope in renewables. It is time for all developing countries, especially the small island developing states, to make sure that the developed world doesn't backslide on its commitments on mitigation yet again. COP 27 in Egypt gives us that opportunity to hold their feet to the fire. It is time for the developed world to make net minus pledges. If we don't collectively push for it, we will be collectively pushed back.

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No room for logophobia

Wit, wisdom and retort are the attributes of a shrewd statesman and parliamentarian

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A Mullah Nasruddin tale exposes the tricky business of law. Once, Nasruddin told a king that laws do not make people righteous. The king disagreed, claiming that he could make people virtuous through the coercive power of law. On the bridge leading to the royal city, the king built a gallows. The royal decree stated: "Everyone will be interrogated at the gate. If they tell the truth, they will be allowed to enter. If they lie, they will be hanged." When Nasruddin stepped forward, the guard asked where he was going. Nasruddin replied, "I am on my way to be hanged." The guard did not believe him. Nasruddin smilingly said: "Well if I have told a lie, hang me." The confused guard said, "But if we hang you for lying, we will have made what you said come true." This ended in a Catch-22 situation and Nasruddin's argument was vindicated.

Words deemed unparliamentary

Ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament, the Lok Sabha Secretariat released a revised booklet comprising a list of words now deemed 'unparliamentary'. This list includes terms such as '*jumla jeevi* (a person who makes false promises)', 'COVID spreader', 'Snoopgate', 'ashamed', 'abused', 'betrayed' and 'incompetent'. As the Nasruddin story suggests, parliamentary decorum cannot be maintained by issuing diktats; it can be nurtured only when democratic civility is expressed by the treasury benches as well as by the Opposition.

Democracy is government by discussion, John Stuart Mill said. Mill admired the Athenian republic and tried to model modern representative government on the deliberative character of its democratic political life. The praxis of democracy is discussion, debate, and dissent. Liberal democracy favours the Atticism of Athens, where oratory was worshipped and loquaciousness was the norm, while illiberal democracies find refuge in Sparta's laconism.

Wit, wisdom and retort are the attributes of a shrewd statesman and parliamentarian. An anecdote about Abraham Lincoln underscores this. When Lincoln entered the Senate to give his inaugural address as U.S. President, one aristocratic senator stood up and said, "Mr. Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family." The Senate laughed. Lincoln retorted: "Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes in your house for your family... Have you any complaint? If you have any complaint, I can make another pair of shoes. Because I know how to make shoes myself. But as far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. He was a genius, a creator, and I am proud of my father." Similarly, Ram Manohar Lohia, the socialist doyen, once stated in Parliament that Jawaharlal Nehru was not an aristocrat as he was portrayed. "I can prove that the prime minister's grandfather was a chaprasi in the Mughal court," he said. Nehru smiled and replied, "I am glad the honourable member has, at last, accepted what I have been trying to tell him for so many years: That I am a man of the people." An ideal parliamentarian should emulate Lincoln and Nehru.

Dictating parliamentary lexicon does not help to constrain clever parliamentarians like Piloo Mody, the Swatantra Party's firebrand leader. Once, in the Rajya Sabha, a Congress member kept teasing Mody. "Stop barking," Mody shouted at the member. The Congress member pleaded with the Chair: "Sir, he's calling me a dog. This is unparliamentary language." The Chairman concurred and declared that Mody's words would be expunged. Mody corrected himself thus: "All right then, stop braying." The Congress member could not catch the meaning of the word 'braying' and it stayed on record.

Innuendos are more mischievous than unparliamentary words. When Lohia pleaded in Parliament for Soviet leader Stalin's daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva to be given asylum in India on the grounds of her relationship with Indian Communist leader, Brajesh Singh, Tarkeshwari Sinha mockingly asked Lohia, a bachelor, how he could talk about conjugal sentiments when he did not have any experience of it. Lohia hit back: "Tarkeshwari, when did you give me any chance?" Can the Lok Sabha Secretariat's revised booklet foresee such innuendos?

In *The Argumentative Indian*, Amartya Sen pointed out that "prolixity is not alien to us in India." He illustrated this with V.K. Krishna Menon's record of the longest speech ever delivered at the UN. The argumentative tradition can be traced back to the dispute between Krishna and Arjuna, quoted in the Bhagavad Gita. Both sides of the argument are given equal significance in the text. As Prof. Sen said, "A defeated argument that refuses to be obliterated can remain very alive." In the parliamentary system, there is no room for logophobia.

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STATE OF PLAY

A case moving at snail's pace

The state and the judiciary are to blame for the fact that Antony Raju has still not stood trial

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Over 15 years after being charge-sheeted in a criminal case, Kerala Transport Minister Antony Raju will stand trial at the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court at Nedumangad next month. Mr. Raju, the second accused in the criminal case booked in 1994, is facing some serious charges including cheating, criminal conspiracy, dishonestly inducing delivery of property and causing disappearance of evidence of offence.

Mr. Raju, a lawyer at that time, has been charge-sheeted for conspiring with the clerk of the property section of a trial court in Thiruvananthapuram for replacing an undergarment, a material object in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act case, that was worn by an Australian citizen, Andrew Salvatore Cervelli. Commercial quantities of charas, a narcotic substance, was also recovered from the pockets of the undergarment of the Australian, who was awarded a jail term of 10 years rigorous imprisonment. He was subsequently acquitted by the Kerala High Court on an appeal. However, it was later revealed that the size of the undergarment, which was procured from the trial court, was altered to appear that it could not be worn by the Australian. The accused resorted to the malpractice of securing the acquittal of the convict from the High Court.

Besides the criminal act of cheating a court by tampering with evidence, the unusual delay in completing the trial has caught many people by surprise. The case also raises questions of legal and constitutional propriety of a person against whom a court has found a prima facie case occupying a cabinet berth.

Barring the issuance of summons to some witnesses in the case, which came to the court in 2006, nothing significant took place in the courtrooms. Later, the case, which was to be tried in a Thiruvananthapuram court, was transferred to the Nedumangad court considering the fact that the accused was a prominent lawyer practising before the court which was supposed to try the case. The case was posted on over 20 occasions in the Thiruvananthapuram court before it was transferred to Nedumangad. There has not been any satisfactory explanation on the inordinate delay for considering the case. All the judiciary could account for was the delay of nearly two years on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were also claims that the judiciary had suo motu initiated some proceedings for resuming the trial before the media took up the issue.

The State, the complainant, cannot shy away from its responsibility of failing to bring the long-pending case to the attention of the judiciary for trial. It is also the responsibility of the prosecution to ensure the presence of witnesses before the court and complete the trial on time. The prosecution cannot hide behind the argument that there is no dedicated and efficient system for the execution of summons and warrants and so, it has to rely on the police for the job, leading to delays in completing the processes.

The lethargic approach of the State in dealing with high-profile cases, the lack of adequate judicial officers, and government apathy in investing in the judiciary and open fast-track magistrate courts are all to be blamed for the situation. It is estimated that over 19.15 lakh cases including 13.96 lakh criminal cases are pending in trial courts, which are to be handled by the 530 judicial officers of the State. In Thiruvananthapuram, there are only 22 magistrates to handle the 3.32 lakh cases pending.

A judiciary committed to the timely dispensation of justice, a proactive prosecution, and a government keen on providing the required infrastructure to courts are required to address the situation and ensure the prompt and timely delivery of quality justice.

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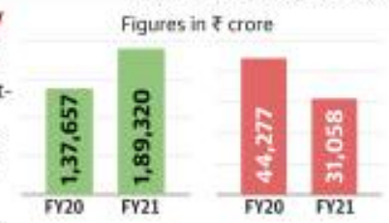
DATA POINT

How did CPSEs perform in FY2021?

Financial Year 2021, the one-year period just after the national lockdown was announced, was a relatively better year for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in terms of profits. The aggregate profits of profit-making CPSEs increased by 37% compared to FY20, while the aggregate losses of loss-making CPSEs declined by 29%. Of the 254 CPSEs for which data are available, 177 made net profits while 77 made net losses in FY21. Worryingly, 28 of those 77 loss-making CPSEs have made net losses for the third consecutive year. **By Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

Aggregate losses/profits | The graphs show the aggregate profits made by profit-making CPSEs (left) and aggregate losses made by loss-making CPSEs in FY21 and FY20

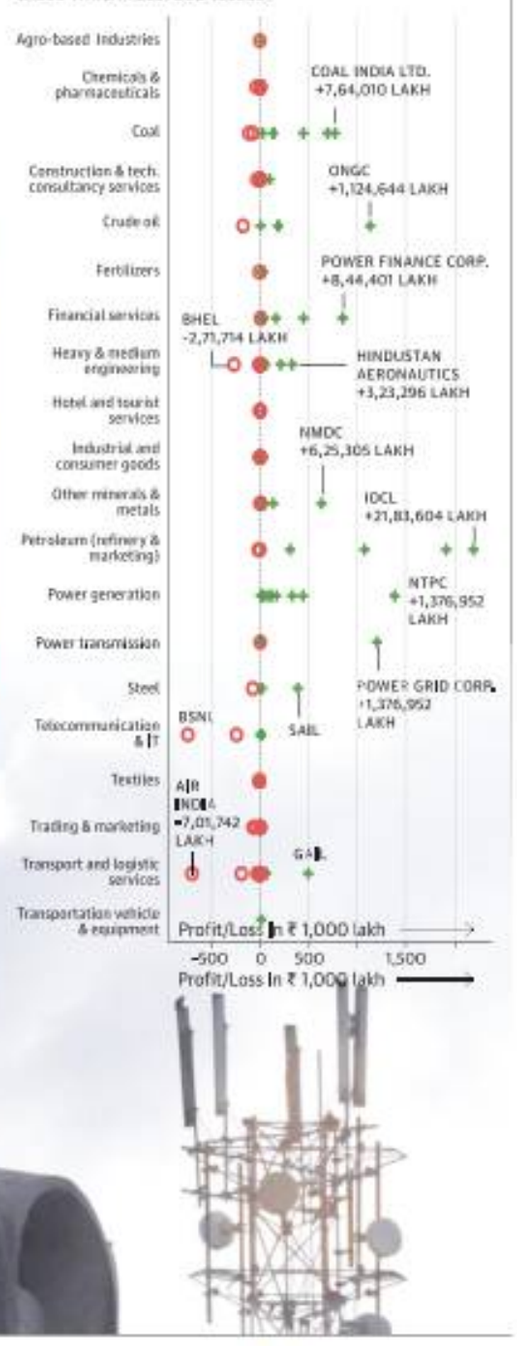


Consistent losses | The table lists a select group of CPSEs which made losses over the past three financial years. The figures depict the net losses made in ₹ lakh

CPSEs	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Orissa Mineral Development Co.	-45,163	-7,669	-3,965
State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	-88,107	-11,363	-5,123
NEPA Ltd.	-7,779	-7,126	-5,391
HPCL Biofuels Ltd.	-6,755	-8,555	-8,008
Hotel Corpn. of India Ltd.	-6,863	-5,555	-9,737
British India Corporation Ltd.	-10,620	-10,620	-10,620
Hindustan Newsprint Ltd.	-13,186	-13,186	-13,186
HMT Machine Tools Ltd.	-6,383	-9,872	-13,279
Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Co.	-6,315	-12,970	-13,775
Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.	-9,367	-40,537	-17,578
National Textile Corpn. Ltd.	-31,465	-34,655	-31,550
Alliance Air Aviation Ltd.	-29,240	-23,520	-36,009
PEC Ltd.	-49,965	-49,965	-49,965
Bharat Petro Resources Ltd.	-4,577	-91,503	-1,79,685
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	-3,39,020	-3,69,568	-2,46,180
Air India Ltd.	-8,47,480	-7,76,573	-7,01,742
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	-14,90,424	-15,49,952	-7,45,301

BSNL recorded the most losses among all CPSEs in FY21 though the losses have almost halved compared to FY20. The company currently employs 64,536 workers and spends about ₹6,67,916 lakh on their salaries

Losses/profits in FY21 | The graph shows the net profits and net losses made by CPSEs in FY21. The + are companies which recorded profits and ○ are those which recorded losses



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 26, 1972

Chinese Embassy flouts a custom

New Delhi, July 25: The only flag flying at full mast in Delhi during the last three days of the State mourning ordered by the Government of India, as mark of respect to the memory of the late King of Bhutan, has been the big red flag over the Chinese Embassy in the diplomatic enclave here. As a matter of courtesy to the host country that ordered the State mourning – and Bhutan which lost its King – all other diplomatic missions in Delhi have been flying their flags at half-mast and refraining from official entertainment. Though none of them has any direct diplomatic relations with this Himalayan kingdom, the heads of all the missions, with the solitary exception of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, have called at the residence of the Bhutan representative in Delhi to sign on the condolence register and personally express their sorrow. The observance of this diplomatic formality in Delhi had its own significance since it implied a recognition by the world community of the special relationship existing between India and Bhutan. But China has deliberately ignored the State mourning and refrained from observing even the routine courtesy of flying its flag at half-mast because it does not consider Bhutan an independent State. It continues to maintain that, since at one time Bhutan used to pay some sort of token tribute to the Chinese Emperor in Peking through Tibet, the present ruling dynasty cannot unilaterally repudiate this obligation and claim sovereign status under Indian protection.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 26, 1922

India in Parliament

London, July 24: In the Commons in reply to questions Earl Winterton stated that the Britain Buddhist Mission to Tibet had received no funds from the Government and British and Indian authorities did not accept responsibility for the well-being or success of the enterprise which was purely private, its primary object being to confer with fellow Buddhists in Tibet on questions connected with the Buddhist religion. As far as he was aware, added Earl Winterton, the Tibetan Government had not expressed any opinion on the subject and the Indian Government at present had only agreed to allow the party to cross the frontier for the purpose of proceeding to the trade mart at Gyantse. As far as he knew no other assistance was at present being proposed or asked for.

FROM PAGE ONE

Droupadi Murmu is President of India

Former President Mr. Kovind, Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and CJI Ramana were on the dais while other dignitaries, including former President Pratibha Patil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik were seated in the front row seat of the historic Central Hall.

'A watershed moment'

Mr. Modi said Ms. Murmu assuming the Presidency was a "watershed moment" for the "poor, marginalised and downtrodden". "In her address after taking oath, President Droupadi Murmu *ji* gave a message of hope and compassion. She emphasised India's accomplishments and presented a futuristic vision of the path ahead at a time when India is marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," the Prime Minister said.

The day began with the outgoing President Mr. Kovind and Ms. Murmu arriving in a majestic procession from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to the Parliament Building, escorted by the horse-mounted President's Bodyguards.

The traditional gold-plated presidential buggy (horse-drawn carriage) was not part of the oath-taking ceremony. The outgoing President escorted his successor from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to Parliament House for the swearing-in ceremony in a presidential limousine.

India's new President was given a 21-gun salute after which she signed the oath register amid thunderous applause and thumping of desks. Following the short ceremony, Ms. Murmu and Mr. Kovind were escorted out of the Central Hall amid the roll of drums and blowing of trumpets.

The new Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces inspected a tri-Services guard of honour in the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr. Kovind and his family, who moved to their new address of 12 Janpath bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi, were given a formal send-off by the Prime Minister and other dignitaries as well as the Rashtrapati Bhavan staff.

Ms. Murmu's speech in the Central Hall laid down her vision of *sabka prayas* (everyone's effort) and *sabka kartavya* (everyone's duty) to fulfil the expectations of freedom fighters and citizens of independent India.

Starting out as a BJP councillor in Odisha's Rairangpur Notified Area Council in 1997, she became a Minister in the Biju Janata Dal-Bharatiya Janata Party coalition government in the State between 2000 and 2004.

Ms. Murmu contested the 2014 Assembly election from Rairangpur but lost to the BJD candidate. A year later, in 2015, she was appointed Governor of Jharkhand and stayed in the post till 2021.

The unassuming tribal leader is believed to be deeply spiritual and a follower of meditation techniques of the Brahma Kumaris, a movement she embraced after she lost close family members, including her husband, two sons and mother just in a span of six years (2009-2015). Her daughter Itishree is a bank employee in Odisha.

Don't support corruption, won't let anyone malign me: Mamata

West Bengal CM says she had no inkling of school staff recruitment scam

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Two days after the Enforcement Directorate arrested West Bengal Industries and Commerce Minister Partha Chatterjee in connection with the School Service Commission recruitment scam, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday broke her silence and said there had been attempts to malign her.

"If someone is a thief, then Trinamool Congress does not care about that person. I have had my own [party] boys arrested. I have not spared my own MLAs, MPs and Minister if they do something wrong. But if you try to besmirch my name, then remember I too carry coal tar," Ms. Banerjee said.

Shouting dissent: CPI(M) activists staging a protest on July 23 after the arrest of Partha Chatterjee in the SSC job scam. • PTI

A court in Kolkata extended Mr. Chatterjee's custody with the Enforcement Directorate till August 3 and that of his associate Arpita Mukherjee till August 3.

Ms. Banerjee, while speaking at an event where the West Bengal government bestowed State honours on eminent people, said that her government had never indulged in any wrongdoing knowingly and the investigation should be completed in a time-bound manner.

"You can do whatever you want against the person who has committed a crime. I don't care. But don't try to touch me. If you touch me, I know how to fight you... We will be the winner ultimately," the Trinamool chairperson said.

Ms. Banerjee said a "wounded lion is dangerous", and warned the Opposition not to "play with fire."

The Chief Minister, while referring to the money seizure, asked, "Some money was recovered from the house of a woman. Let the truth come out. But why was my picture being shown in connection with the money that was recovered?"

She added that she had no idea about the scam.

The Chief Minister also raised questions on the role of media. "I have faith in the judiciary even though I know how much influence the BJP has on the judiciary. The entire media has been bought over by the BJP," she said.

BJP flags off Tiranga Rally from Srinagar

Leaders target dynasty politics in J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chug on Monday took potshots at the Abdullahs, the Muftis and the Nehrus for "looting J&K for the past seven decades", while flagging off a Tiranga Rally at Srinagar's commercial hub Lal Chowk amid stringent security measures.

"Those who looted J&K for seven decades failed to ensure progress in J&K. However, their properties continue to multiply. Two J&K families had turned J&K into a terrorism capital and our Prime Minister made it a tourism capital. The Abdullah and sons, the Mufti and sons and the Nehru and sons have been rejected by the people now," Mr. Chugh said.

Dozens of bikers, mainly from outside J&K, were flagged off by Mr. Chugh and BJP Yuva Morcha national president Tejasvi Surya.

Mr. Surya, who recited a poem on better future written by famous Pandit poet Dina Nath Nadim, said, "There is going to be a better future. There is better hope for tomorrow. A new dawn will come bringing more prosperity."

He also tweeted a picture of BJP activists holding the Tricolour at the Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk, where separatists in the past unfurled Pakistani and green flags.

"This one picture from today summarises the change Modi*ji* and Amit Shah*ji* have brought in Kashmir," Mr. Surya said. The bikers will carry the flags and reach the Kargil War Memorial on July 26 on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, a BJP spokesman said.

Four held for RS seat 'offer' at ₹100 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked five persons for allegedly conspiring to cheat people with the false promise of arranging a Rajya Sabha seat for ₹100 crore, besides appointments as Governor and chairperson of government-run organisations, in lieu of huge illegal gratification.

"Four of them have been arrested," a CBI official said.

The accused have been identified as Kamalakar Premkumar Bandgar from Latur in Maharashtra; Mahendra Pal Arora and Mohammed Aijaz Khan, both residents of Delhi; Abhishek Boora from neighbouring Ghaziabad; and Ravindra Vithal Naik, who is currently living in Karnataka's Belgaum.

It is learnt that the agency had also zeroed in on Mr. Khan, but he fled after allegedly assaulting some officials.

No reason to set aside HC order, SC tells Azam

Relief denied in fake certificate case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan's challenge against a decision of the Allahabad High Court refusing to quash the chargesheet against his son in a fake birth certificate case.

Azam Khan

A Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta said it found no reason to set aside the High Court's decision against Abdullah Azam Khan, who is the MLA from Suar in Uttar Pradesh. The Bench, including Justice Vikram Nath, declined to delve into the facts of the case. It said these would come up for examination during the trial.

Mr. Azam, his wife Tazeen Fatima and son Mr. Abdullah had been in jail in a criminal case registered against them over two allegedly fake birth certificates issued to Mr. Abdullah through fraudulent means from two different places.

The FIR lodged by BJP leader Akash Saxena at the Ganj police station in Rampur on January 3, 2019, alleged that Mr. Azam Khan and his wife helped their son obtain two fake birth certificates – one from Lucknow and another from Rampur.

Mr. Abdullah was elected to the Uttar Pradesh Assembly in the previous polls, too, but the Allahabad High Court had cancelled the election on the ground that he was less than the required 25 years of age at the time of filing his nomination.

Rajbhar aims for third front, wants BSP as ally

SBSP chief wants a coalition of Dalits and EBC groups

MAYANK KUMAR
NEW DELHI

A third front is likely to emerge in the politically significant State of Uttar Pradesh with Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar looking to forge an alliance with the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

Speaking exclusively to *The Hindu* after severing ties with the Samajwadi Party (SP) on Sunday, Mr. Rajbhar said, "After July 27, we will meet Mayawati-*ji* and request her to take the lead in forming a larger coalition of Dalits and Extremely Backward Caste (EBC) groups, which have been continuously ignored by the BJP and the SP."

Om Prakash Rajbhar

The SBSP chief said smaller EBC groups such as Nishad, Pal and Baghel did not have sizeable numbers individually, but their combined strength would account for 40% of the electorate. "If we secure the BSP's support, then this alliance would be a winnable coalition. I want to play an active role in building such a platform in the State," he said.

The BSP did not respond to requests for a comment on a possible alliance with the SBSP. Mr. Rajbhar's decision to snap ties with the SP was taken a day after the Akhilesh Yadav-led party sent separate letters to him and Shivpal Yadav of the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohiya), stating they were free to end the alliance with the party.

Support for NDA

The development came after Mr. Rajbhar and Mr. Shivpal backed the National Democratic Alliance's Presidential candidate, Draupadi Murmu, who defeated Yashwant Sinha, the joint candidate of the Opposition supported by the SP.

The SBSP had fought the 2022 Assembly election in alliance with the SP, winning six of the 19 seats it had contested in eastern Uttar Pradesh. In its letter to Mr. Rajbhar, the SP said it was fighting the BJP in the State while the SBSP chief's "nexus with the BJP" was strengthening the ruling party. Mr. Rajbhar said, "I won't say that Akhilesh Yadav cheated me but he cheated the downtrodden, Extremely Backward Caste groups and Muslims, who had high hopes from him.

Myanmar junta executes four political prisoners

"We join the people of Myanmar in mourning," the U.S. embassy in Yangon said in a statement.

Japan's government – a major provider of economic assistance to Myanmar – said it "seriously deplores" the executions. France called the executions "a major regression and another phase in the escalating atrocities committed by the Myanmar junta since the coup d'etat".

The sentiment was echoed by United Nations human rights chief Michelle Bachelet. "This cruel and regressive step is an extension of the military's ongoing repressive campaign against its own people," she said in a statement on Monday.

UN rights workers have said that under the junta's martial law provisions, the death penalty could be given for 23 "vague and broadly defined offences" – which in practice could include any criticism of the military.

The United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Tom Andrews said the "depraved acts must be a turning point".

Partha discharged on AIIMS report

The Enforcement Directorate informed the Calcutta High Court about Mr. Chatterjee's health condition through video conferencing.

Earlier in the morning, the Trinamool leader was booed at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar with some people shouting '*chor chor*' (thief) even as he was shifted to hospital.

SC Collegium recommends 35 names for judges in six HCs

Clears proposal to elevate 20 advocates, 15 judicial officers

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NEW DELHI

In a significant step to fill vacancies in the higher judiciary, the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana on Monday approved and recommended to the Centre the proposal for the elevation of 20 advocates and 15 judicial officers as judges in six High Courts.

The Collegium, which also comprises Justices Uday Umesh Lalit and A.M. Khanwilkar, approved the proposal for the elevation of a maximum of 13 advocates as judges in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, followed by the elevation of six advocates for the Telangana High Court. "The collegium in its meeting has approved the proposal for elevation of the following (13) advocates as judges in the Punjab and Haryana High Court" and they are Nidhi Gupta, Sanjay Vashisth, Tribhuvan Dahiya, Namit Kumar, Harkesh Manuja, Aman Chaudhary, Naresh Singh, Harsh Bunger, Jagmohan Bansal, Deepak Manchanda, Alok Jain, Harpreet Singh Brar, and Kuldeep Tiwari.

The names of six lawyers for the judgeship in the Telangana High Court were also recommended by the collegium and they are "Enugula Venkata Venugopal, Nagesh Bheemapaka, Pulla Karthik @ P. Elamadhar, Kaja Sarath @ K. Sharath, Jaggannagari Sreenivasa Rao @ J. Srinivas Rao, and Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao," the resolutions of the Collegium said. Woman lawyer Suman Pattanayak was also recommended as a judge of the Orissa High Court, a statement said. Out of the 15 judicial officers, nine names were recommended to the Centre for the judgeship in the Calcutta High Court. They are Biswaroop Chowdhury, Partha Sarathi Sen, Prasenjit Biswas, Uday Kumar, Ajay Kumar Gupta, Supratim Bhattacharya, Partha Sarathi Chatterjee, Apurba Sinha Ray, and Md. Shabbar Rashidi. Two women judicial officers – Susmita Phukan Khaund and Mitali Thakuria – have been recommended for the judgeship in the Gauhati High Court.

MTNL suspended my KYC details, says Alva

Calls getting diverted, she says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Margaret Alva, the Vice-Presidential candidate of the Opposition, on Monday alleged on Twitter that the public sector telecom service provider Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) had suspended her KYC details and sent her notice, stating that her SIM card would be blocked in 24 hours.

Margaret Alva

Ms. Alva also posted a similar notice she received from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), and asked, "You need my KYC now?"

Ms. Alva claimed calls to her mobile were getting diverted after she spoke to some BJP members.

"After speaking to some friends in the BJP today, all calls to my mobile are being diverted and I am unable to make or receive calls. If you restore the phone, I promise not to call any MP from the BJP, Trinamool Congress or Biju Janata Dal (BJD) tonight," she said.

'Victim of fraud'

While several Twitter users expressed solidarity with her, some of them pointed out that Ms. Alva may have been a victim of fraud, adding that the MTNL's logo was being used to dupe customers. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh also retweeted her tweet in solidarity.

Move HC on Aadhaar-poll roll link: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to intervene in a petition filed by Randeep Singh Surjewala challenging amendments in the election laws allowing electoral roll data to be linked to Aadhaar. The Election Laws (Amendment) Act of 2021 requires a person to use Aadhaar to authenticate identity on the electoral rolls. A Bench asked Mr. Surjewala to move the High Court concerned.

The Bench said if multiple petitions were filed later on, a request could be made then to club and transfer them to the Supreme Court.

Freeze EC action, says Uddhav camp

The Thackeray camp said the EC had issued notice to their faction on July 22 despite being told that the apex court had orally sought status quo in the issue in order to avoid any irreversible changes while the court was seized of the case. "Despite being asked not to precipitate the matter and stay its hand, the Hon'ble ECI has decided to initiate proceedings... Such proceedings will be in the teeth of settled law that an inquiry into a matter which is *sub judice* before the court amounts to interference with the judicial proceedings," the application said.

The Thackeray faction has now urged the court to include the EC as a party in the case.

On July 20, a Bench led by the Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana had queried whether the dissent of Mr. Shinde's faction, without subsequently forming a new party or merging with another, amounted to a "split" from the original Shiv Sena party.

A "split" from the original political party without a subsequent merger with another party or formation of a new faction is no longer a defence from disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution.

While agreeing to look into this question in depth, the apex court had asked the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker to maintain status quo on the disqualification proceedings against MLAs from both the Shinde and Thackeray factions. The latter group was issued disqualification notices by the Speaker after voting against Mr. Shinde in the floor test. The court had directed the Assembly Secretariat to keep its records in safe custody.

'Stopping Zubair from tweeting would be same as gag order'

SC Bench said it would hardly be bail if Alt News co-founder was stopped from 'expressing his opinions'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

A 21-page judgment published by the Supreme Court on Monday explains why Alt News co-founder, journalist and fact-checker Mohammed Zubair cannot and should not be stopped from tweeting while on bail.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said it would hardly be bail for Mr. Zubair if the court, as the Uttar Pradesh government wanted, barred him from "expressing his opinions".

A bar on him from tweeting would tantamount to a "gag order" on him. "A blanket order directing the petitioner [Mr. Zubair] to not express his opinion – an opinion that he is rightfully entitled to hold as an active participating citizen – would be disproportionate to the purpose of imposing conditions on bail.

The imposition of such a condition would tantamount to a gag order against the petitioner," Justice Chandrachud observed.

Chilling effect

The judge said "gag orders have a chilling effect on the freedom of speech".

The court also seemed to accept Mr. Zubair's defence that he used Twitter as a medium of communication to dispel fake news, misinformation and morphed videos.

"Passing an order restricting him from posting on social media would amount to an unjustified violation of the freedom of speech and expression, and the freedom to practise his profession," Justice Chandrachud noted.

The attitude of the Supreme Court may prove helpful for Mr. Zubair in future courtroom battles.

Mr. Zubair walked out of Tihar jail hours after the Supreme Court granted him interim bail on July 20 in six cases registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police accusing him of hurting religious feelings on Twitter.

Spurious liquor kills 18 in Gujarat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

Eighteen people died after allegedly consuming spurious liquor in Gujarat, where the manufacture, sale and consumption of liquor is prohibited. Over 20 people are under treatment. According to sources, the death toll is likely to go up as many are critical.

The deaths occurred in villages of Ahmedabad and Botad districts. The State has ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team, headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Eloquence of tribal legacy, concern for India's daughters

President Droupadi Murmu layers her first speech after taking oath of office with her Santhal life experience, and contribution of the tribes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Beginning her speech with the traditional tribal greeting of *Johar* to ending it with a poem by famous Odia saint Bhim Bhoi, President Droupadi Murmu's address liberally invoked India's tribal legacy.

Recalling her growing-up years in a small tribal village where even getting primary education remained a dream for many, she said her election had the blessings of the poor of the country and reflected the dreams and potential of crores of women and daughters of the country.

In her 18-minute speech at the Central Hall of Parliament after assuming office, Ms. Murmu highlighted the glorious contribution to the freedom struggle by tribal communities and mentioned the Santhal, Paika, Kol and Bhil revolutions. "These revolutions strengthened the tribal contribution to the freedom struggle. We derived inspiration from the sacrifice of *Dharti Aaba* Bhagwan Birsa Munda *ji* for social uplift and patriotism," she said, referring to Birsa Munda, a revered figure from the tribal community, who led an uprising against the British.

The President recalled the stalwarts of India's freedom movement, including Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and Chandrashekhar Azad.

Sharing her personal journey, Ms. Murmu, who hails from the Santhal tribe, mentioned that she was the first person from her village to get a college education. "It is a matter of great satisfaction for me that those who have been deprived for centuries and those who have been denied the benefits of development, those poor, downtrodden, backward communities and tribals are seeing their reflection in me," she said.

Teacher's counsel

The President also recalled her stint as a teacher in Rairangpur, and stressed the importance of education and youth in shaping the future of the country.

Dwelling upon the tribal tradition of living in forests and in harmony with nature, Ms. Murmu said: "We take necessary resources from nature and serve nature with equal reverence. This sensitivity has become a global imperative today. I am happy that India is guiding the world in the field of environmental protection."

As the Supreme Commander of the armed forces, she complimented them for their bravery; lauded the government's efforts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and achieving the milestone of administering 200-crore doses of vaccine; and talked of an India that is all set to usher in the Industrial Revolution 4.0.

Talking about public service in her journey, she quoted famous poet Bhim Bhoi, who came from a tribal community and said, '*Mo jeeban pachhe narke padi thau, jagato uddhar heu*', which translates as "working for the welfare of the world is far greater than one's own interests".

Warm welcome: President Droupadi Murmu at the guard of honour ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday. • R.V. MOORTHY

World leaders congratulate India's new President Murmu

They express desire for continued cooperation, goodwill

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BEIJING/MOSCOW

Several world leaders, including the Presidents of Russia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal, have congratulated India's new President Droupadi Murmu who assumed office on Monday, and expressed their desire to work with her to enhance their respective nation's multifaceted ties with India.

Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed hope that Ms. Murmu would further promote bilateral productive cooperation between the two nations.

Sri Lanka's newly appointed President Ranil Wickremesinghe recalled the close ties between the two nations and said Ms. Murmu's leadership offers "fresh impetus" to the joint endeavours to strengthen the cordial ties they enjoy.

Bangladesh President M. Abdul Hamid said that he is looking forward to working with her to advance mutual interests and make efforts for development, peace and prosperity in the region.

Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih congratulated Ms. Murmu on her "historic election".

Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba said in a tweet, "On behalf of the govt. & people of Nepal, I would like to extend warmest congratulations to Smt Droupadi Murmu on being elected as the 15th President of India. I am confident that the excellent bilateral relations between Nepal & India will see newer heights in the days ahead."

Britain sent greetings to the President and expressed confidence in the India-UK relationship going from "strength to strength".

Acclamation from across the spectrum

Leaders hail Murmu's appointment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Dignitaries and leaders from across the political spectrum congratulated President Droupadi Murmu on assuming office as the country's 15 President on Monday.

Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu said her election to the highest office is a testimony to the vibrancy and strength of Indian democracy.

"My best wishes to her for a successful and fulfilling tenure as the First Citizen of India," he said in a Tweet.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted, "Many congratulations to Smt. Droupadi Murmu on taking oath as the 15th President of India. I am sure that your tenure will take the pride of the country to new heights. Today's historic day is a wonderful example of empowerment and 'Antyodaya' of every section following democratic values."

BJP chief J.P. Nadda said President Murmu's first address to the nation as "people's president" encapsulated not just the significance of this truly historic moment but the spirit of New India.

Conveying his best wishes to the new President, Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal, who accompanied Ms. Murmu in her tour of the States during the presidential poll campaign said in a tweet, "As a proud citizen, I join the nation in celebrating this historic occasion."

> **I am sure that the nation will stand to benefit from your services as the President of this great country**
>
> M.K. STALIN
> Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

Several Opposition leaders also took to Twitter to congratulate the newly sworn-in President. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin greeted Ms. Murmu, saying the nation would benefit from her services.

"I am sure that the nation would stand to benefit from your services as the President of this great country and I wish you all the very best," Mr. Stalin said.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram tweeted, "It is a proud moment in India's history to see a lady born to a tribal family in a remote village of Odisha ascend to the office of President of India."

Congratulating her, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Sharad Pawar expressed confidence that Ms. Murmu would remain committed to the protection of India's democracy, constitution and law, and will make the country more proud during her tenure.

Outgoing President moves into new Janpath home

NEW DELHI

Soon after demitting office as India's President, Ram Nath Kovind on Monday moved to his new residence on Janpath Road and was greeted by many leaders. President Murmu too accompanied Mr. Kovind as part of convention to his new home. PTI

Nitish skips Murmu's swearing-in ceremony

NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar skipped the swearing-in ceremony of President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi. This is not the first time he skipped an important event. He has missed several events organised by the BJP, indicating a rift between Mr. Kumar and the BJP. ANI

Kovind fulfilled BJP's agenda: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR

Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday accused the outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind of "fulfilling BJP's political agenda ". "Be it scrapping of Article 370, Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) he fulfilled BJP's political agenda all at the cost of the Indian Constitution," she said.

Xi Jinping congratulates Murmu

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday sent a congratulatory message to new President Droupadi Murmu, Chinese State media reported. The message marked Mr. Xi's first direct public communication with India since an offer of assistance during the COVID-19 second wave in April 2021. Mr. Xi said China and India are important neighbours to each other and "a healthy and stable China-India relationship serves the fundamental interests of the two countries and people, and is also conducive to regional and world peace, stability and development".

He said he attached "great importance to China-India relations" and was "willing to work with President Murmu to enhance political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation, properly handle differences, and push forward China-India relations along the right track."

Mr. Xi and PM Narendra Modi have not spoken directly since the start of the LAC crisis in April 2020.

Mayurbhanj's joie de vivre: feasts, dances, prayers, immense pride

Tribespeople across the district celebrate Murmu elevation in traditional style

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

There seem to be no end to celebrations in Odisha, especially in Mayurbhanj district, with Droupadi Murmu, daughter of the soil, taking oath as the 15th President on Monday.

Giant television screens were put up at Rairangpur, the President's home town, and students were invited to watch Ms. Murmu being sworn in as the new head of the Indian state. People across Odisha stayed glued to television screens from early in the morning while dancers hit the streets to celebrate the occasion.

"This is a defining moment in India's history when a tribal woman from a remote part went on to become the state head. This is the time to celebrate and preserve the moment for the future," Kabita Soren, a resident of Rairangpur, said.

Villages in the tribal heartland of Odisha have been celebrating Ms. Murmu's election to the top post ever since her nomination on June 21. Community feasts were hosted and dance performances organised in Uparbeda, the village of Ms. Murmu; Pahadpur, her husband's village; and Dumuria in Jamda block of Mayurbhanj, the village of President's maternal uncle on Monday.

Tribespeople paid obeisance to their deities at their respective traditional places of worship for the blessings to be bestowed on Ms. Murmu. At some tribal villages, people distributed *handia*, a local beverage, to celebrate the occasion. Members of her family, people of the village, MLAs and MPs who were present in person at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan called back home describing their experience of witnessing the historic moment in person. Family members had proceeded to New Delhi carrying along *arisa pitha*, a traditional sweet pancake, and *guda pitha*, a sweet made from jaggery.

People, especially Santhal community members, hailed Ms. Murmu's choice of wearing the traditional *Jhal* sari on the biggest occasion. These saris are handwoven with motifs of birds, fishes, flowers, leaves and animals. It signifies the community's close association with nature.

In her first address as President, when Ms. Murmu narrated her journey from a small Odisha tribal village where getting elementary education was a dream, students and people cheered the achievement with continuous applause.

People also praised her struggle when she said that despite many obstacles, her determination remained strong and she became the first daughter of the village to go to college.

"To mark the historic occasion, we facilitated planting of 300 saplings on the campus of the Uparbeda government school, where our new President studied in her primary classes. Students who planted trees have been advised to monitor their growth and ensure their survival," Nalinikant Behera, Divisional Forest Officer of Rairangpur, said.

"India has set an example which even America has not been able to do. It is a time of pride and honor for the country," said Salkhan Murmu, former MP of Mayurbhanj.

Women from the Santhal community wearing traditional sari, in Rairangpur of Mayurbhanj district. • PTI

Seating arrangements during oath ceremony under fire

Kharge was not accorded respect, allege Opposition parties

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The seating arrangements in the Central Hall of Parliament for the oath-taking ceremony of President Droupadi Murmu on Monday came into controversy, with the Opposition alleging that Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge was not accorded respect as he was given a third row seat.

Hitting back, Piyush Goyal, Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, accused the Congress of misleading the public with a "baseless" allegation on the seating arrangement.

After the oath-taking ceremony, several Opposition members wrote to Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu, alleging that Mr. Kharge was not accorded a seat commensurate with his position during the swearing-in ceremony of President Murmu.

"We are writing to express our shock and protest at this deliberate disrespect shown to a very senior leader violating the warrant of precedence and not in accordance with the protocol courtesies due to him," Opposition leaders including those from the Congress, the Trinamool Congress, the Shiv Sena and the NCP wrote in their letter.

Congress Chief Whip in the Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh put out the letter on his Twitter handle.

His colleague and party's leader in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, wrote a similar letter to Speaker Om Birla.

Responding to Mr. Ramesh's tweet, Mr. Goyal raised the issue on the floor of the House when the Rajya Sabha reassembled at 3 p.m.

"As per the order of precedence of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Leader of Opposition's position is seventh. As per this order his place is in the third row, but we were happy to see him that he was assigned a place in the first row during the event in the morning. But when he expressed his displeasure at being given a corner seat, a staff requested him to come to the centre but he refused. This is the Opposition's mentality to disrupt the House and is a false allegation," he said.

Political row: Mallikarjun Kharge with Union Cabinet Ministers during the swearing-in ceremony on Monday. • PTI

Rajya Sabha sees multiple adjournments over price rise

Centre ready for dialogue but Opposition avoiding it: Piyush

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha adjourned multiple times on Monday as the Opposition demanded a discussion on price rise and a rollback of recent hikes under the Goods and Services Tax. Leader of the House Piyush Goyal said the Centre was ready for a dialogue on the issue but the Opposition that was avoiding it.

The second week of the Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced with Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien giving a notice seeking a suspension of business in order to discuss price rise.

Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge charged that the Treasury Benches were running away from discussions on an important issue such as price rise. "Why is the government running away from discussion," he asked. To this, Mr. Goyal said the government wanted to have a discussion on the subject but Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was suffering from COVID-19 and she would like to respond to the issues raised once she recovered. At 4 p.m., as BJP members resumed discussion on Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022, BJP MP Mahesh Jethmalani made certain comments about the disruptive behaviour of Opposition leaders which were later expunged on the request of RJD MP Manoj K Jha.

Sasmit Patra, who was in the Chair, then adjourned the House after Congress member Abir Ranjan Biswas stood behind BJP member Ajay Pratap Singh, who was speaking, with a placard against rise in petrol prices.

4 Congress members suspended from Lok Sabha

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury terms the action an attempt to 'muzzle the Opposition's voice'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Four Congress members of the Lok Sabha – Manickam Tagore, T.N. Prathapan, Jothimani and Ramya Haridas – were suspended from the House for the rest of the Monsoon Session under Rule 374 for obstructing the proceedings of the House on Monday. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, termed the action an attempt to "muzzle the Opposition's voice".

The move came after Speaker Om Birla warned on Monday that members who brought placards into the House will not be allowed to participate in the proceedings, before he adjourned the House till 3 p.m. When the House convened, Opposition members, demanding a discussion on price rise and levying of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on essential items, protested by waving placards and raising slogans, some even in the Well of the House.

At this, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi read out a resolution that the Opposition MPs' behaviour should attract suspension. Mr. Agrawal then put the matter to vote, and suspended the MPs for the entire session.

"For the past six days, we have been asking for a discussion on price rise but the government is running away from it. And now having us suspended for raising people's issues, it seems they want to silence the voices of protests," Mr. Manickam Tagore said, adding that they would continue to protest at the Gandhi statue every day. Mr. Chowdhury told *The Hindu* that the Opposition MPs were "forced" to troop into the Well of the House, carry placards and raise slogans to "wake up the government from its slumber".

Mr. Pralhad Joshi defended the suspension of the four MPs saying they had shown a lack of respect for the chair and created a ruckus in the Lok Sabha.

BSP's Lok Sabha MP Kunwar Danish Ali tweeted: "How unfortunate is that, two young women MPs from weaker section @RamyaHaridasMP and @Jothims have been suspended from #LokSabha just for demanding a discussion on price rise, the very same day when a woman from an oppressed class took oath as the President of India. #pricerise"

Congress MPs Manickam Tagore, T.N. Prathapan, Jothimani and Ramya Haridas staging a protest on Monday. • PTI

Only 4 States adopt Model Tenancy Law

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

More than a year since the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry circulated the Model Tenancy Act (MTA), only four States had revised their tenancy laws to be in line with the MTA, the Ministry said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

In response to a question by BJP member Ashok Bajpai, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore said, "As per information available with MoHUA, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Assam have revised Tenancy Acts on the lines of Model Tenancy Act (MTA)."

The reply stated that the Model Tenancy Act aimed to balance the rights of tenants and landlords, and to "create an accountable and transparent ecosystem for renting of premises in a disciplined and efficient manner".

8 killed in accident on Purvanchal Expressway

Delhi-bound double-decker bus from Bihar rams another

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BARABANKI

Eight people were killed and 16 injured when a Delhi-bound bus rammed into a parked bus on Purvanchal Expressway here on Monday, the police said.

Superintendent of Police Anurag Vats said around 4.45 a.m., a private double-decker bus from Muzaffarpur in Bihar, on its way to Delhi, crashed into another bus parked on Purvanchal Expressway under the Lonikatra police station area.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Manoj Pandey said the accident took place near an eatery close to Narendrapur Madraha village. The parked bus was *en route* to Delhi from Sitamarhi, also in Bihar. There were 36 passengers altogether in the two double-decker buses. The police suspect the driver was sleepy at the time of the accident.

Fatal crash: The wreckage of the two buses at the accident spot in Barabanki on Monday. • PTI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the incident. "The accident on Purvanchal Expressway in Barabanki is extremely saddening. I express my condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. Along with this, I wish speedy recovery to all injured. Under the supervision of the State government, the local administration is engaged in providing all possible help," Mr. Modi was quoted as saying in a tweet by his office.

The police took the injured to a community health centre in Haidergarh, from where those seriously hurt were referred to a trauma centre in Lucknow.

A helpline, 9454417464, had been issued, the SP said.

'Monkeypox virus has evolved'

We need to be prepared to roll out intense response, says WHO official

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Cases of monkeypox are being reported from multiple countries and many of them have not seen cases of the virus before, Poonam Khetrapal Singh, regional director, WHO South-East Asia Region, said on Monday.

She said genomic studies had revealed that the monkeypox virus seemed to have changed over recent years. "More studies are needed to understand the evolution. The WHO is regularly reviewing available data with its laboratory and other expert groups," she added.

Dr. Singh further elaborated that the "unexpected appearance of this disease globally and in a wide geographic area indicates that the disease may have been circulating below the detection of the surveillance systems. It is possible that the sustained human-to-human transmission through close contact - direct or indirect - remained undetected for a period time".

Utmost caution: The WHO is regularly reviewing available data with its laboratory and other expert groups. • PTI

She said that the risk of monkeypox globally and in the WHO South-East Asia Region was assessed as moderate considering that this was the first time that monkeypox cases and clusters were reported concurrently in many countries in widely disparate WHO geographical areas, balanced against the fact that mortality had remained low in the current outbreak.

Speaking about the measures India should take for prevention and control of monkeypox, the official noted that in the current outbreak, transmission appeared to be occurring primarily through close physical contact, including sexual contact. Transmission can also occur from contaminated materials such as linens, bedding, and clothing that have infectious skin particles. There are still many unknowns about the virus.

Stating that engaging and protecting the affected communities; intensifying surveillance and public health measures; strengthening clinical management and infection prevention and control in hospitals and clinics; and accelerating research into the use of vaccines, therapeutics and other tools, were among the key response measures, Dr. Singh said "we need to stay alert and be prepared to roll out an intense response to curtail spread of Monkeypox and while doing this, our efforts and measures should be sensitive, and devoid of stigma and discrimination".

The World Health Organization has noted that newborns, children and people with underlying immune deficiencies may be at risk of more serious symptoms and death from monkeypox. Health workers are also at higher risk due to longer virus exposure. "There is no sufficient data regarding monkeypox infection during pregnancy, although limited data suggest that it may lead to adverse outcomes for the foetus, Dr. Singh added.

Pilot injured as training aircraft crash-lands

Accident due to loss of power: official

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A single-seater aircraft crash-landed during a training session in Maharashtra's Pune district on Monday. The cadet pilot escaped with minor injuries.

A senior DGCA official said the accident happened due to suspected loss of power.

The aircraft involved was a Cessna 152. It belonged to a pilot-training academy, Carver Aviation.

The accident took place in Indapur tehsil after the aircraft took off from the Baramati airport in Pune, a police official said.

The cadet pilot, Bhavika Rathod, was admitted to a hospital. She received minor injuries, a medical officer from a primary health centre in Shelgaon, who had gone to the accident spot, told *PTI*.

The wreckage of the aircraft that crash-landed at Indapur in Pune on Monday. • PTI

DGCA audit

Following multiple accidents involving flying training organisations, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) audited 30 out of a total 32 of them and suspended the licence of one one aviation academy last month and suspended eight instructors.

Medical tests for pilot licence recognise transpersons: govt.

'Fit assessment may be issued if there are no complications'

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Medical tests administered by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for issuing pilot licences recognise transpersons, the government told Parliament on Monday.

"The medical tests for issuing pilot license recognise transpersons. A transperson applicant may be issued fit medical assessment, provided there are no associated medical, psychiatric or psychological conditions," Minister of State for Civil Aviation V.K. Singh told the Rajya Sabha in response to a question from CPI(M) member A.A. Rahim.

The Hindu reported on July 3 that the DGCA declined to grant Adam Harry, who identifies as a transperson, a medical approval as long as he was on hormone therapy. He was later given a medical clearance in August 2020 after he stopped his hormone therapy. The medical test is needed to be able to undertake training to become a commercial pilot.

Adam Harry

Following the news article and a rap from the Ministry of Social Justice, the DGCA wrote to Adam Harry requesting him re-appear for the medical test and said in a press statement there were no restrictions on transgender people from applying for a commercial pilot licence and that a hormonal replacement therapy was not a disqualifying criterion.

Own guidelines

Mr. Rahim told *The Hindu* that he also met Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia last week and requested him to make an "inclusive policy" for transgender people and enable them to become an airline pilot.

He also sought that India develop its own guidelines instead of following the United States' aviation regulator Federal Aviation Administration.

Plaintiffs move Mathura court in Idgah case

Hindu side wants to be heard first

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Hindu plaintiffs in the Shahi Idgah Mosque-Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi civil dispute have now moved a revision petition in the Mathura district court, challenging the order of a civil court, which had decided that it would first hear the Masjid panel's application challenging the maintainability of the suit.

As proceedings began on Monday before the civil judge (senior division) in Mathura, advocate Tanveer Ahmed was preparing to begin his submissions under Order VII, Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure, on behalf of the Masjid management committee. At this juncture, advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh informed the court that its earlier order on who to hear first had been challenged in the district court. "The district court has admitted our revision petition and will hear us on this next on August 11. This means that the proceedings in the civil court will have to be paused till the revision petition is decided," Mr. Singh said.

The civil court had last week decided that it would start hearing the suit on a day-to-day basis from July 25 onwards.

Mr. Ahmed, mosque management panel's secretary, said, "Mr. Singh is trying to avoid facing our challenge to the maintainability of their suit." He added that since the district court had not yet stayed the order of the civil court, the hearing should continue on a day-to-day basis from July 26.

IN BRIEF

HC seeks BMC response on Minister's appeal

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday asked the BMC if Narayan Rane's plea seeking regularisation of his house can be considered under the Development Control and Promotions Regulation (DCPR) 2034, enacted in 2018. The building got occupancy certificate in 2013.

Report sought over video of namaz inside mall

GHAZIABAD

Days after the row over namaz in a Lucknow mall, a new video surfaced on Monday that showed a person purportedly offering prayer in a commercial complex in Meerut. The Director-General of Uttar Pradesh Police has sought a report from the Meerut Police in this regard.

Lumpy skin disease kills 1,500 animals in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD

Over 1500 animals, especially cows and buffaloes, have died in Gujarat due to lumpy skin disease. It is a viral disease spread by mosquitoes and flies among cattle through contaminated food and water.

Odisha farmer ends life over low farm income

BHUBANESWAR

A farmer ended his life due to his worries over farm income going down in Odisha's Koraput district. According to the police complaint filed by Khagapati Utara, son of deceased farmer Laiban Utara, his father was under depression.

'Aviation industry being sensitised to hire Agniveers'

Many will have relevant experience, Scindia tells RS

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Youth joining the defence forces under the Agnipath scheme will be valuable for the aviation industry, which was being sensitised to give preference to them during hiring, the government told Parliament on Monday.

"After four years of military service, the Agniveers are expected to be fit, disciplined and motivated professionals. Many of them, especially the ones involved in aircraft maintenance, flight safety, air-cargo, supply chain, administrative, IT and drones, etc. will have valuable experience after serving that will be of significant relevance to the aviation industry," Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia told the Rajya Sabha in response to a question.

He added that the Ministry was "sensitising" all stakeholders in the civil aviation sector to give "preference" to Agniveers in employment.

DGCA grounded 10 SpiceJet planes: Centre

53 spot checks conducted on 43 aircraft but no 'major safety violation' found

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a show-cause notice to SpiceJet over safety-related incidents, it grounded 10 of its aircraft after conducting over 50 spot checks, the government told Parliament on Monday.

The DGCA identified 10 of SpiceJet's aircraft that could only be used after all reported defects and malfunctions were rectified, Minister of State for Civil Aviation V.K. Singh told the Rajya Sabha.

These aircraft were identified when the DGCA carried out 53 spot checks on SpiceJet's 48 aircraft between July 9 and July 13. The regulator had served a show-cause notice on the airline on July 6, giving it three weeks to submit its response. The deadline ends on Tuesday, but neither the airline nor the DGCA clarified on whether the airline had submitted its reply.

The Minister in his response also said that the spot checks did not reveal "any major significant finding or safety violation".

All 10 now flying

An airline spokesperson told *The Hindu* that all the 10 aircraft were now flying.

Last week, the DGCA also ordered a special audit of all commercial airlines in the country. This exercise is being carried out following a number of "engineering-related incidents" across various airlines.

The audit will examine availability of manpower as well as facilities and equipment, aircraft grounded due to non-availability of spares as well as the number of exemptions sought by airlines to continue to use aircraft despite bearing defective parts.

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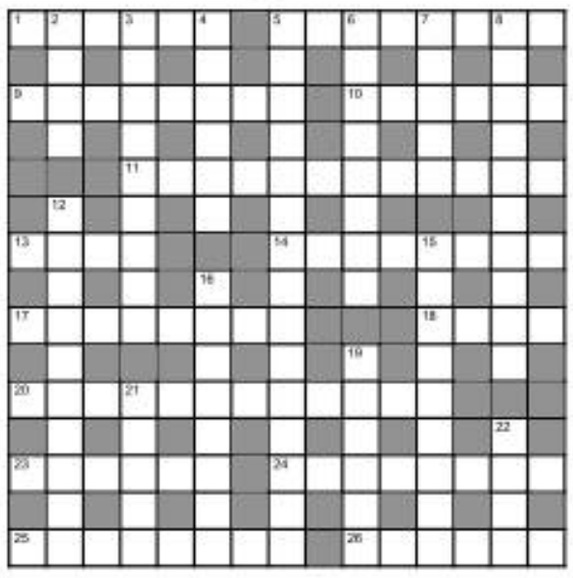

Across

1 A North American follows transport going the wrong way for about 8-9 miles in India (6)
5 Senator bust drug ring (8)
9 Checked out tips from Warne on South African fast bowler dismissing Indian openers in Transvaal ODI (4,4)
10 Spooner's greeting musicians in person (2,4)
11 Avtaar is retained by unchanged team – gets gold in doubles (7,5)
13 At sea, foreman's browsing every now and then (4)
14 Africans take action against arresting Europeans (8)
17 Rock salt and silver mass on a mineral deposit in a cave (8)
18 Wiki announcement featuring retired soldier from India (4)
20 Doctor periodically comes out with a dream in historical production (7,5)
23 Writer Tony gets excited after British library's inauguration (6)
24 Meteors spinning around Earth?? (8)
25 Those coming in are mostly with the Opposition (8)
26 Long, loose T-shirt (6)

Down

2 One complex sheltering ten animals (4)
3 Broadcast a show's launch with nail art of skilled craftsmen (9)
4 Princess with a liberal temper (6)
5 Ordered trimmed hilsa and fried special chicken (5,6,4)
6 Capsized vehicle on incline close to trees is situated immediately below (8)
7 Picked up specialised skill? Not at all! (5)
8 Net broken by soldiers in occupation (10)
12 Criminal vagrant beheaded supervisor (10)
15 Gran, Pop and I vacated village standing in a tall mountain (5,4)
16 Arab overcome by, say, a form of narcissism (8)
19 Robber's lawyer rejected fine before openings in initial trial (6)
21 Basil from India carries bone for large Bantu tribesman (5)
22 John changed numbers frequently (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13617

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Primordial Sakthi

Abirami Bhattar, who wrote Abirami Andadi, praised Goddess Sakthi as the force behind Brahma's action of creating. Sakthi tattva is primordial, said M.A. Manickavelu in a discourse. The Goddess is the One worshippers are first introduced to, when they worship Her in the forms of Mahamayi, for example. She is the Universal Mother. Sakthi tattva leads to Sadasiva tattva. Bhattar mentions the Goddess as the younger sister of Mukundan, that is Vishnu. Bhattar lauds Her as "Maathaval." This means She is a tapasvini. Parvathi performed penance to wed Lord Siva. Given Her greatness, what is the need to worship any other deity, asks Bhattar. Both asuras and devas worship Her. The devas are able to retain their positions in the celestial world, only because of Her mercy.

When demons like Chanda, Munda, Mahishasura etc gave trouble to the devas, She destroyed them. Lord Siva is the foremost among those who meditate on Her. She is always the focus of Siva's thoughts, says Bhattar. It is because of this that He has become a Paramananda, according to Bhattar. The indestructible Siva is ever joyous, because He meditates on Sakthi. It is no surprise that Lord Siva or the devas or those in high positions are able to approach Her. Her greatness lies in the fact that ordinary mortals are able to approach Her. Does She not give us darshan in innumerable temples, where we can worship Her to our heart's content? This quality of Hers stands out. A goat has to adjust the posture of its neck when it eats grass. But this is not obvious, because the goat is short in stature. But when a giraffe bends to eat the grass, the way it curves its neck is obvious. Likewise, when the Goddess accepts our offerings, and comes down to us to bless us, Her simplicity fills us with awe.

Xi tightens security grip ahead of 3rd term

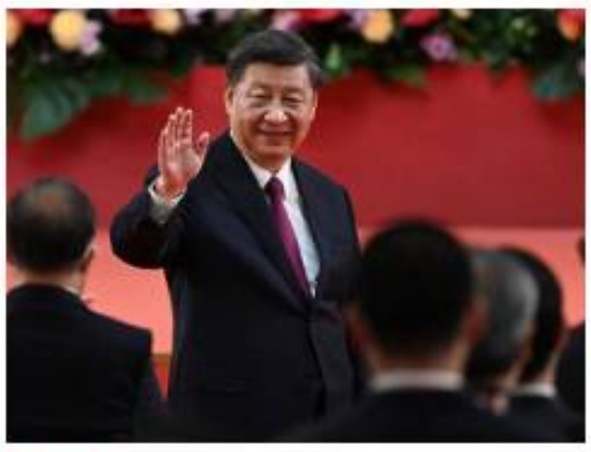
Communist Party steps up 'political training' of police forces to ensure full loyalty to the President

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's internal security forces have stepped up ideological training to ensure full loyalty to President Xi Jinping as he prepares to begin a third-term later this year, top security officials said on Monday.

Officers of the Ministry of Public Security (MPS), the powerful internal security apparatus that includes all police, made a point to pledge their loyalty to Mr. Xi in a rare interaction with journalists, part of an on-going campaign by every Ministry to underline their achievements after 10 years at the helm of Mr. Xi, who will begin his third-term as Party General Secretary following a once-in-five-year Congress expected in October.

Observers in Beijing describe the MPS as one of two key levers of hard power for Mr. Xi to ensure his continued control over the Party, the other being the armed forces, which he heads as Chairman of the Central Military Commission.



In control: Xi Jinping will begin his third term as party general secretary following a Congress expected in October. • AFP

MPS overhaul

Not long after taking over in 2012, Mr. Xi overhauled the MPS and purged entirely the deep network of former internal security czar Zhou Yongkang.

Sun Maoli, part of the MPS Party Committee, told reporters that "defending political security is a priority".

"Public security authorities at all levels made the in-depth study and implementation of Xi Jinping Thought as their primary political task," added Wu Deqing, who heads personnel training for the MPS and its estimated more than 2 million police force.

Mr. Wu said following a three-year campaign launched in 2019, the MPS held an extraordinary 75,000 political study sessions involving trainees all over the country. The aim was to improve both practical skills and "improve political calibre" he said.

'No terror attacks'

To underline how Mr. Xi's two terms in office had improved the domestic security situation, Mr. Sun noted that China had seen no terror attacks in the past five years while "people's sense of security had improved from 87.25% in 2012 to 98.62% in 2021". He did not say how the MPS arrived at those precise numbers.

He said attacks on schools and hospitals - intermittent knife attacks targeting children and medical personnel had emerged as a particular pattern of violence - were also down since 2012.

Only this month, five people, including four children, were injured by an attacker at a Shanghai hospital, where a man had held children and staff hostage before stabbing them. Media outlet Caixin reported this month that from 2009 to 2018, there were reports of 295 attacks on medical staff, with 24 deaths and 362 injured.

Ahead of this year's Congress, authorities have also tightened management of cyberspace.

Under an ongoing "clean net" campaign since 2018, more than 3,85,000 people were arrested, the MPS said on Monday, for a range of cybercrimes, which include everything from cyber frauds and pornography to what is deemed seditious against the state.

Sunak talks tough on China, ahead of U.K. debate with Truss

'China and CCP represent the largest threat to Britain, world'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Former U.K. Chancellor and candidate for Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, called China Britain's main threat ahead of a scheduled Monday night TV debate with his opponent and fellow Tory, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

"China and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) represent the largest threat to Britain and the world's security and prosperity this century," he said, as he outlined actions he would take as Prime Minister. Mr. Sunak faces Ms. Truss in an internal Conservative party election, in which some 1,60,000 Tories will elect their leader and PM. The winner is expected to be announced on September 5.

Mr. Sunak said he would close down 30 Confucius Institutes in the U.K., saying they were promoting China's soft power via Mandarin. The institutes are funded by the Chinese government and have, significantly, also become controversial in the U.S.

Rishi Sunak

Mr. Sunak also said he would create an international alliance to tackle Chinese cybercrime, enhance MI5's ability to counter Chinese industrial espionage in universities and firms, and protect key British assets, including possibly preventing acquisition of sensitive assets.

One of Ms. Truss's backers, Tory MP and former Conservative party leader Ian Duncan Smith, responded to Mr. Sunak, as per reports, "I have one simple question, where have you been over the last two years?" Mr. Smith was sanctioned by Beijing last year.

The debate is likely to include the candidates' proposed China policies in addition to issues – such as migration and plans to handle the economy and combat inflation, which is at a 40-year high of 9.4%.

Ms. Truss leads Mr. Sunak by a considerable margin in terms of bookmaker's odds, although he came first in the intra-party contest to reach the final stage of voting, with only fellow Tory MPs voting. Last week, she led Mr. Sunak by 19% , head to head, in a poll conducted by YouGov.

Pope apologises for school abuses in Canada

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MASKWACIS

Pope Francis on Monday apologised to Canada's native people on their land for the Catholic Church's role in schools where indigenous children were abused, branding forced cultural assimilation a "deplorable evil" and "disastrous error."

Speaking near the site of two former schools in Maskwacis, in Alberta, the Pope went even further, apologising for Christian support of the overall "colonising mentality" of the times and calling for a "serious investigation" of the schools to assist survivors and descendants in healing.

Pope Francis

"With shame and unambiguously, I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the indigenous peoples," Pope Francis said in the town.

Lavrov says Russia's goal is to topple Zelensky's government

'Attack on Odesa military assets won't affect grain shipments'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV

Russia's top diplomat on Monday said Moscow's goal is to topple the government of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, making Russian war aims more explicit as its forces keep pummelling Ukraine with artillery barrages and air strikes.

The remark from Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov comes amid Ukraine's efforts to resume grain exports from its Black Sea ports, which is aimed at helping ease global food shortages, under a new deal tested by a Russian strike on Odesa over the weekend.

Speaking to envoys at an Arab League summit in Cairo, the Russian Foreign Minister said Moscow is determined to help Ukrainians "liberate themselves from the burden of this absolutely unacceptable regime."

Mr. Lavrov accused Kyiv and "its Western allies" of spouting propaganda intended to ensure that Ukraine "becomes the eternal enemy of Russia."

Mr. Lavrov's remarks contrasted sharply with the Kremlin's line in the early stage of war, when Russian officials repeatedly emphasised that they weren't seeking to overthrow Mr. Zelensky's government.

The Kremlin insisted on Monday that the attack on the port of Odesa targeted military assets and would not affect grain shipping.

Rights group seeks arrest of Gotabaya

REUTERS
COLOMBO

A rights group has filed a criminal complaint with Singapore's Attorney General, seeking the arrest of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for his role in the South Asian nation's decades-long civil war.

The International Truth and Justice Project said Mr. Rajapaksa committed grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions during the civil war in 2009 when he was defence chief, according to a copy of the complaint seen by Reuters.

Taiwan holds drills amid China tensions

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEIJING

Taiwan on Monday staged air raid and military drills, coinciding with concerns over a forceful Chinese response to a possible visit to the island by U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

Air raid sirens were sounded in Taipei and the military was holding its annual drills, including joint air and sea exercises and the mobilisation of tanks and troops.

In Taipei, police directed people to shelters when a siren went off shortly after lunchtime. Streets emptied and shops closed.

"In recent years, Chinese military planes have frequently harassed Taiwan, and the war between Russia and Ukraine broke out in February this year," Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je told reporters, referring to concerns that a similar conflict could break out in East Asia.

Ms. Pelosi has not confirmed when, or even if, she will visit. President Joe Biden's administration is believed to be critical of a possible trip, both for the problematic timing and the lack of coordination with the White House.

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Item	Tender No.
Procurement of Denomination Change Parts for New Series Coins & Spares for Schuler Coining Press	54/PT-118(21-22)/6000016839

For all other details including last date for submission of tender, please visit our website http://igmkolkata.spmcil.com. **Any amendment or extension shall be notified on Website only.**
Sd-
The Chief General Manager

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E-Tender Notice
No: T-SG-36-I-11-2022-2023 & T-SG-36-AMC-ISS-2022-2023
Dt.22.07.2022.
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to 14.00 hrs on 16.08.2022.
1) Tender Notice: No. 1. T-SG-36-I-11-2022-2023
Name of the Work: Telecommunication work in connection with left over LUS and diversion of traffic at LC gates over TPJ division
Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees: Rs.21.31 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit Amt: Rs.42,600/-
Validity Offer: 60 Days
Closing Date and Time: 16.08.2022 @ 14:00 Hrs
Period of Completion in months: Six Months
2) Tender Notice: No. T-SG-36-AMC-ISS-2022-2023
Name of the Work: Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of Integrated Surveillance System (ISS) at Tiruchchirappalli station and Comprehensive AMC for the CCTV cameras at outdoor locations of Tiruchchirappalli junction station for Two years
Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees: Rs.9.45 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit Amt: Rs.18,900/-
Validity Offer: 45 Days
Closing Date and Time: 16.08.2022 @ 14:00 Hrs
Period of Completion in months: Two Years
If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.
The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through **https://www.ireps.gov.in**
GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI
Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, DRM office complex, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001.
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F.No. ( )/AUK/Reg./VC Selection/2022/Sp-01 Date : 19-07-2022
Application/nominations, in prescribed format, are invited for the post of **Vice-Chancellor, Agriculture University, Kota,** on behalf of the Search Committee. The applicants are advised to send their application by post and email in the prescribed format so as to reach the office of the undersigned on or before 09 Aug., 2022 at 05:00 PM. Detailed advertisement and application format can be downloaded from the website **www.aukota.org** or **www.rajbhawan.rajasthan.gov.in**.
Raj.Samwad/C/22/5178 **REGISTRAR**

Irrigation Department,
office of the Superintending Engineer,
Mechanical Circle, Irrigation, Ernakulam
TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

Name of Work	**DRIP II- Parappar Dam, Thenmala -Painting of radial gate, Fabrication and erection of Additional Stiffners on the radial gates, Fabrication and Erection of Trash rack at Ottakkal weir for RB, LB Canals; Stop log for emergency gate at Dam Top; Spiral Ladder at Dam top; Supply of New Siren and overhauling of Existing Siren; Fabrication and Erection of Trash rack at Ottakkal weir for Scour sluice**
Tender ID	2022_MCIE_500318_1
RFB No.	**DRIP /KIP /SE/MECH/02/2022-23/NS Dated : 20.07.2022**
Date of Publishing	21.07.2022
Bid Submission and Date	24.08.2022
EMD	86,363/-
Tender Class	A-Class

Sd/- Superintending Engineer

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TAMBARAM SANATORIUM, CHENNAI-600 047
Tele: 044-22411611, Fax: 044-22381314 web:https://nischennai.org
E-mail: nischennaisiddha@yahoo.co.in
भर्ती/No.NIS/1-42/Recruitment-Contract/2022 दिनांक/Date : 22.07.2022
EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO: 06/2022
A walk-in interview will be held at **11.00 a.m.** onwards on **30.07.2022** at National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai - 47 to fill up the following posts on contract basis:-

(i)	**Veterinarian**	**1 Post** (anticipated vacancy)
(ii)	**Assistant Professor** (Varmam Maruthuvam)	**1 Post**
(iii)	**Assistant Professor** (Pura Maruthuvam)	**1 Post**
(iv)	**Assistant Professor** (Siddhar Yoga Maruthuvam)	**1 Post**

Other details regarding, educational qualification, age, experience, general conditions etc., are available in our website **https://nischennai.org.** Any up-dation / modification in this regard will be posted in the above website only.
Director

OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
ROURKELA
INVITATION FOR BID
No. 9704 Dated : 25/07/22
Bid Identification No.:- MC/RMC/59/2022
The Municipal Commissioner, Rourkela Municipal Corporation on behalf of Rourkela Municipal Corporation invites bids for works on percentage rate basis in Double cover on online Mode. Bid Identification **No. MC/RMC/59/2022** for **01 nos** Civil work with value of **Rs.89.23 lakh** .
1. Bid documents will be available in website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in** from **25.07.2022**.
2. Bids must be submitted on "online" on or before **01.08.2022 by 17.00 hours.**
3. Bids shall be opened at **11.00 hours on 02.08.2022** in the office of the undersigned in the presence of the bidders or their authorized agents.
4. Other details will be available in the web site **tendersorissa.gov.in** .
Municipal Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation
C-852 OPR-13131/11/0071/2223

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division,
3rd Floor, Room No.309, Annexure-3 Building,
BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002
No: EE-4 (Lakes)/TEND-04/Corri-1/2022-23 Date: 25-07-2022
CORRIGENDUM
Sub: Corrigendum for the Tender Notification
Ref.: Notification No: EE-4 (Lakes)/TEND/04/2022-23, Date: 07-07-2022.
The Earnest Money Deposit for works notified vide Notification No: EE-4 (Lakes)/TEND/04/2022-23, Date: 07-07-2022, shall be read as follows for Serial No.1. The tender for work notified vide Serial No.1 is **cancelled due to Technical Reasons.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	"**Package-18: (a) -** Comprehensive development of Abbigere Lake, **(b) -** Comprehensive Development Works to Shivapura Lake, **(c) -** Comprehensive Development of Nelegadaranahalli Lake"	1050.00	10.50

The revised dates for Tender as follows: 1) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **08-08-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 2)** Date of Opening of Tender Document: **10-08-2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Other conditions of the tender remains the same. Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division, BBMP.
PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU
COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

THE ODISHA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
95, SATYA NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR - 751 007
EOI NOTICE
EOI is invited from registered Chartered / Cost Accountant Firms to undertake the Internal Audit of our Zone wise Unit Offices for the year 2021-22. The EOI document can be obtained from the office of undersigned on payment of **Rs.590/-** inclusive of GST through Cash/DD drawn in favour of **OAIC Ltd.** payable at **Bhubaneswar** from dt.10.08.2022 to 25.08.2022 (upto 3 p.m.). The same can also be downloaded from our website **www.orissaagro.com**. The last date for submission of EOI is **25.08.2022 up to 3 p.m.** The applications received within the stipulated time shall be opened at **4 p.m.** on the same day. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason there to.
Sd/-
Sadananda Nayak, I.A.S.
MANAGING DIRECTOR
CAD-1227 OPR-01047/11/0016/2223

ONGC Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
Rajahmundry Asset
Expression of Interest (EOI)
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Rajahmundry Asset is engaged in Oil & Gas exploration and production activities in Andhra Pradesh. Asset is developing various Oil & Gas fields and is looking for new technologies for enhancing productivity. **The EOI is intended to assess the suitability of various technologies in the areas of (A) Natural Gas dehydration and dew point depression (B) De-sulfurization of HSD to meet BS-VI norms (C) To assess/identify the Hydro-Fracture Geometry through micro-seismic or any other Technology (D) HPHT Polymeric based Drilling fluid system.** Vendors having the required capability and possessing relevant experience in the proposed new technology areas may respond to this EOI on or before **19.08.2022**. Contact: V.N.V Prasad, (M) 9490168065,email: prasad_vnv@ongc.co.in K. Ananthakumar, (M) 9426614732,email: K_AnanthaKumar @ongc.co.in N.Balsaidulu, (M) 8331998654,email: nallagondla_bs@ongc.co.in For further details please refer to **www.tenders.ongc.co.in** under EOI.

MARKET WATCH

	25-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,766	-0.55
US Dollar	79.78	0.15
Gold	51,145	1.59
Brent oil	104.97	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	749.95	-4.30
Apollo Hosp	4189.90	64.60
Asian Paints	3104.95	37.55
Axis Bank	727.35	-3.40
Bajaj Auto	4021.15	-33.35
Bajaj Finserv	12619.55	-134.70
Bajaj Finance	6227.00	-31.25
Bharti Airtel	678.40	-0.45
BPCL	317.15	-3.15
Britannia Ind	3885.90	14.45
Cipla	959.80	-12.30
Coal India	200.90	3.80
Divis Lab	3774.30	-22.45
Dr Reddys Lab	4330.55	-42.95
Eicher Motors	3086.70	-60.90
Grasim Ind	1498.50	-22.85
HCL Tech	930.65	10.40
HDFC	2308.65	12.70
HDFC Bank	1396.60	4.10
HDFC Life	526.75	-8.25
Hero MotoCorp	2838.85	-32.75
Hindalco	387.05	5.80
Hind Unilever	2623.60	-17.00
ICICI Bank	800.90	0.85
Indusind Bank	962.05	19.60
Infosys	1503.60	-2.70
ITC	301.10	0.55
JSW Steel	585.50	1.05
Kotak Bank	1795.55	-31.55
L&T	1782.45	14.70
M&M	1135.85	-45.25
Maruti Suzuki	8621.60	-209.35
Nestle India Ltd.	18757.55	-231.40
NTPC	150.10	1.15
ONGC	129.80	-2.65
PowerGrid Corp	207.90	-2.10
Reliance Ind	2420.40	-82.70
SBI Life	1144.95	-20.00
State Bank	517.80	4.10
Shree Cement	20679.05	-100.95
Sun Pharma	868.35	-6.15
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	807.95	3.90
Tata Motors	449.55	-5.35
Tata Steel	960.70	24.65
TCS	3166.75	-4.25
Tech Mahindra	1017.25	-11.45
Titan	2328.85	3.85
UltraTech Cement	6382.90	-75.80
UPL	733.95	8.95
Wipro	414.80	3.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.53	79.85
Euro	81.29	81.62
British Pound	95.71	96.11
Japanese Yen (100)	58.32	58.55
Chinese Yuan	11.79	11.84
Swiss Franc	82.53	82.87
Singapore Dollar	57.40	57.64
Canadian Dollar	61.77	62.01
Malaysian Ringitt	17.85	17.93
Australian Dollar	55.27	55.50

Source:Indian Bank

Ashok Leyland expands AVTR tractor range

CHENNAI

Ashok Leyland has expanded the AVTR tractor range with the introduction of two tractors in the local market.

Tata Steel Q1 net profit declines 21% on increase in input costs

Rising interest rates, supply-chain issues, China curbs made it challenging: MD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Tata Steel Ltd. reported a 21% decline in consolidated net profit for the first quarter ended June 30 to ₹7,714 crore, on account of a sharp rise in input costs, especially coking coal and gas prices in Europe.

Revenue stood at ₹63,430 crore. In India, standalone revenue was ₹32,021 crore.

The company said net debt stood at ₹54,504 crore.

In India, product deliveries were marginally lower by 2% due to moderation in exports following the imposition of 15% export duty.

It achieved its highest-ever quarterly EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciaton and amortisation) at £621 million.

Quantum of solace: Higher local deliveries helped counter the 15% export duty, says Narendran. • ARUNANGSU ROY CHOWDHURY

"This has been a challenging quarter for the global and Indian economies with rising interest rates, supply chain constraints and slowdown in China due to COVID," said CEO and MD T.V. Narendran. "Despite these multiple headwinds, Tata Steel has delivered a strong performance with an improvement in margins," he added. "Our strong marketing franchise and superior business model in India enabled us to successfully pivot and increase our domestic deliveries to counter the 15% duty imposed on steel exports in the middle of the quarter. We... remain well-positioned to benefit from the buoyant automotive and retail housing demand and the government spend on infrastructure," he said.

The European business delivered a sharp improvement in performance as long-term contracts and product mix helped drive a strong increase in realisations, Mr. Narendran added.

EAC member backs RBI's use of forex reserves to stabilise rupee

Must sustain macro-stability, allow cycle to play out: Sanyal

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is justified in using the country's foreign exchange reserves to smooth out volatility in the rupee's moves against the dollar, a member of the Economic Advisory Council said on Monday.

"I think that the RBI is correct to use the FX reserves to smooth movement in the INR/USD... There is no point targeting a INR/USD level when USD is appreciating against all other majors," Sanjeev Sanyal told the Reuters Global Markets Forum (GMF) in an interview.

"Longer term, we need to maintain overall macro-stability and allow the cycle to play itself out," said Mr. Sanyal, who was previously India's Principal Economic Adviser. The Council he now sits on advises Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the government on economic policy. The rupee has fallen about 7.4% against the dollar year-to-date but on Monday rose 12 paise to 79.78 compared with the previous session.

Sanjeev Sanyal

The dollar has risen about 11.2% against a basket of currencies as markets brace for more U.S. interest rate increases amid surging inflation and signs of a weakening global economy.

Mr. Sanyal also said India's inflation was almost entirely imported and, as an oil importer, something it could do little in the short term to control. Global oil and other energy costs have spiked this year, driven higher by the impact of the war in Ukraine and broader supply-chain issues.

(With PTI inputs)

Axis Bank Q1 net almost doubles to ₹4,125 crore

Net NPAs slip to 0.64% from 1.2%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Axis Bank said net profit almost doubled to ₹4,125 crore in the April-June quarter of FY23, helped by a decline in bad loans.

The private sector bank had registered a net profit of ₹2,160 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

Total income of the bank rose to ₹21,727.61 crore during the April-June quarter of the current fiscal, compared with ₹19,361.92 crore in the year-earlier period, the bank said in a filing.

Asset quality improved as gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) declined to 2.76% as on June 30 this year, from 3.85% a year earlier. Net NPAs slipped to

0.64% of net advances furnished by June-end from 1.2%.

As a result, provisions other than tax and contingencies declined to ₹359.36 crore from ₹3,302 crore in the year-earlier period.

On a consolidated basis, Axis Bank posted an 84% jump in net profit to ₹4,389.22 crore for the reporting quarter against ₹2,374.50 crore in Q1 FY22.

State PSU debt seen as State's borrowing: FM

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NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said borrowings by State public sector undertakings would be considered as borrowing by the State government needing the Centre's consent.

"Considering the effect of bypassing the Net Borrowing Ceiling of the States by such borrowings, it was... communicated to the States in March 2022 that borrowings... where principal and/or interest are to be serviced out of the State Budgets or by assignment of taxes/cess or any other State's revenue, shall be considered as borrowings made by the State," she said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

India poised to grow fastest, help drive global growth: Birla

'Most estimates peg nation's FY23 economic growth at 7%'

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NEW DELHI

India is poised to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world and an engine of global growth despite global headwinds, said leading industrialist and Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla.

Economic activity in India had witnessed a sharp recovery to pre-pandemic levels on the back of a rapid and widespread roll-out of the vaccination programme, Mr. Birla said in the latest annual report of UltraTech Cement.

"A strong digital ecosystem, fiscal and monetary policy and various government schemes helped SMEs and the worst-affected sections of the population to survive while reviving demand and bringing the economy back on track," he said in his note to shareholders.

Kumar Mangalam Birla

On the global economy, Mr. Birla said it had recovered from the pandemic shock on the back of supportive fiscal and monetary policies and mass vaccination programmes. However, at FY22 end, the war in Ukraine and the subsequent economic sanctions on Russia posed a huge shock.

The Indian economy has not remained unscathed by these global developments, he added.

To control inflationary risks and reduce the pressure on the rupee, the RBI has been selling reserves and unwinding the extraordinary liquidity support provided during the pandemic, he pointed out.

India's growth recovery is progressing well, and most estimates peg economic growth at about 7% in FY23, Mr. Birla said.

Direct tax collections rise 41% in Q1

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NEW DELHI

Net direct tax collections in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal rose by 41% to ₹3,54,569.74 crore, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed the Lok Sabha.

During the April-June period of 2021-22, the government had collected a net direct tax of ₹2,50,881.08 crore.

At the same time, net indirect tax collection including GST and custom duty increased by 9.4% to ₹3,44,056 crore as against ₹3,14,476 crore a year earlier, Mr. Chaudhary said.

He also pointed out that no tax exemption had been granted to food items during the current financial year 2022-23.

Shanthi Gears net grows 57% on rise in sales

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Shanthi Gears Ltd., a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India, reported a 57% rise in standalone net profit for the first quarter to ₹13.44 crore compared with the year-earlier period, on improved sales.

Revenue from operations rose 48% to ₹98.85 crore, it said in a filing.

Focus on cost optimisation and lower capital employed enabled the firm SGL to sustain healthy return on average invested capital at 45%, the firm said. It also generated free cash flow of ₹17.5 crore.

SGL booked orders for ₹105 crore (₹84 crore) and had pending order book of ₹274 crore (₹235 crore).

Shares gained ₹2.20, or 0.9%, to close at ₹246.45 on the BSE on Monday.

KVB Q1 net doubles on credit offtake, dip in NPA

Total business rises 12% to ₹1,30,780 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Private sector lender Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. standalone net profit for the first quarter ended June 22, rose by 110% to ₹229 crore on account of reduction in non-performing assets (NPA), improved credit offtake and a stable net interest margin.

Net interest income improved by 17% to ₹746 crore and net interest margin by 27 basis points to 3.82%, the lender said in a statement.

Non-interest income contracted by ₹4 crore to ₹199 crore, of which the fee-based portion accounted for ₹187 crore, an increase of ₹40 crore.

Gross NPAs dip to 5.2%

Gross non-performing assets (NPA) declined to 5.21% (₹3,107 crore) from 7.97%

(₹4,167 crore), while net NPA to 1.91% (₹1,098 crore) from 3.69% (₹1,845 crore).

Provisions contracted to ₹154 crore from ₹247 crore. Provision coverage ratio rose to 82.74% from 72.40% a year earlier. Total business increased by 12.05% to ₹1,30,780 crore, of which total deposits accounted for ₹71,168 crore, up by 11%.

Shares of the bank gained ₹1.55, or 2.88%, to ₹55.35 on the BSE on Monday.

TechM Q1 net slides 16.4% to ₹1,131.6 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

IT services firm Tech Mahindra posted a 16.4% drop in net profit for the first quarter of the fiscal to ₹1,131.6 crore, compared with a year earlier.

However, revenue rose 24.6% to ₹12,708 crore.

Dollar revenue rose 18% to $1,632 million while net profit slid 22% to $143 million. "We are starting this fiscal with a renewed commitment towards delivering consistent organic growth," said MD and CEO C.P. Gurnani.

In his commentary on global market conditions, Mr. Gurnani cautioned that supply-chain issues and other challenges may slow down the global economy but that, however, these factors would not have an impact on the pipeline.

'Diamond sector's FY23 revenue may dip 15-20%'

Demand falling, prices rising: Crisil

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India's diamond industry is likely to witness 15-20% decline in revenue in this financial year due to falling demand and rising prices of the rough gemstone globally, Crisil Ratings said in a report.

Revenue of the Indian diamond industry is set to dip 15-20% to ₹19-20 billion this fiscal, compared with a decadal high in the last year, following a double blow from falling demand and rising prices of 'roughs' across the globe, it said.

"While volatility in rough diamond prices is typically passed on to the polished diamond prices – albeit with a lag due to the long operating cycle in the trade – tepid demand has kept

polished prices from fully catching up with rough prices now," said chief ratings officer Subodh Rai.

"This could squeeze the operating profitability of Indian diamond polishers by 75-100 basis points to 4-4.25% this fiscal. Accordingly, interest coverage may weaken marginally."

A surge in COVID-19 cases had led to lockdowns in several regions in China, one of the largest consumers of Indian polished diamonds.

U.S.' Panattoni to invest $200 mn in logistics parks

Firm sees 'growth potential' in India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The firm is holding discussions with land owners to purchase about 250 acres

U.S.-based Panattoni will invest $200 million (about ₹1,597 crore) in India to develop four industrial and logistics parks across major cities as it sees 'huge growth potential' amid rising demand for warehouses.

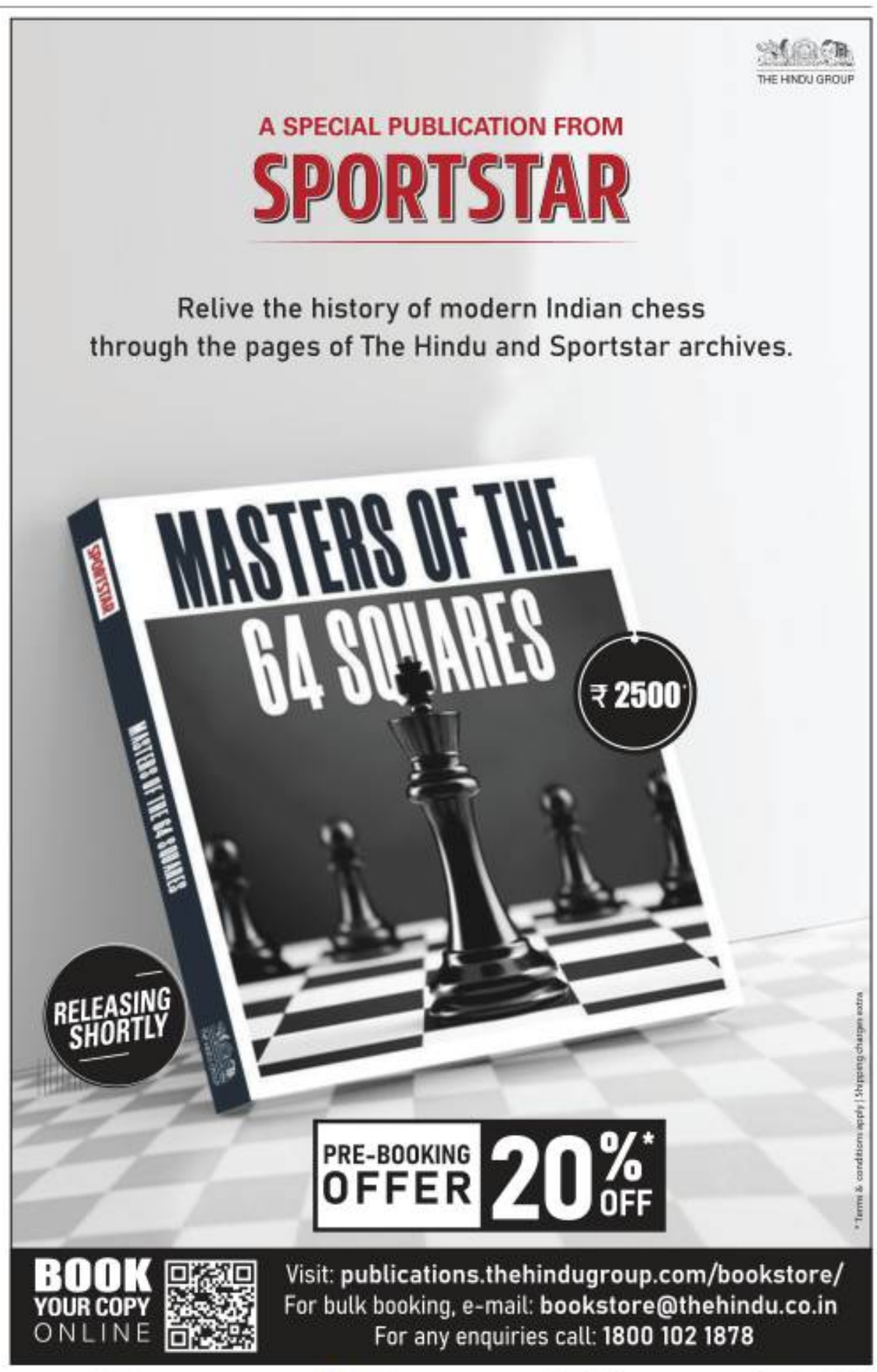
Panattoni is a global leader in industrial and logistics real estate development.

In an interview to PTI, Sandeep Chanda, MD, India, sounded bullish on the long-term growth of the industrial and logistics segment of Indian real estate.

The demand for quality spaces – to set up industries and warehousing in an integrated park, with provision for all basic infrastructure – from third-party logistics, e-commerce and manufacturing sectors has been rising in India.

The company is holding discussions with land owners to purchase about 250 acres of land in Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Pune to develop four projects in the first phase of the India venture.

"We will be investing $200 million (about ₹1,597 crore) for the development of initial four industrial and logistics parks comprising 6.5-7 lakh leasable area," he told PTI. The funds will be raised at the special purpose vehicle level.



Plans are on for India to host world-class sports events: Thakur

Minister appeals to the business community to come forward and adopt a game, an athlete, an academy of their choice and support our sportspersons

EXCLUSIVE

VIJAY LOKAPALLY & AYON SENGUPTA

India achieved unprecedented success at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, winning a record number of medals. In an exclusive to *Sportstar*, in New Delhi, Anurag Thakur, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, talks about his Ministry's plans to use technology, and host more international events in India to help the country's athletes in their quest to seek more glory at the world stage. *Excerpts:*

Top athletes like Neeraj Chopra have suggested the need for regular top-class international meets in the country to generate interest. Can we expect India to hold Diamond League and events of such quality soon?

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports backs the National Sports Federations (NSF) in the conduct of international competitions in the country. We are encouraging SAI and NSFs to develop professional capabilities to spearhead major sporting properties here in India. The Indian Open Badminton tournament and the India Open Boxing tournament are good examples. We are also hosting the International Chess Olympiad for the first time and we organised the Torch Relay for the Olympiad for the first time in the event's history, which is a huge milestone. In October, we will also be hosting the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup after the huge success of the men's edition in 2017. India has enough world-class infrastructure facilities to host events of international standards, and in the next few years we plan to become a destination for hosting such events.

Do you think the tech advancement in India will also drive a sports revolution?

For us, the priority is the ease of living for sportspersons and ensuring that they can focus on their training and not worry about other issues. PM Narendra Modi has been a flag-bearer for Digital India and how to integrate this into citizens' lives. We have taken the initiative to develop an online portal wherein any athlete – present or former – will be able to apply for their cash awards, pension, or scholarships directly. Previously, this process used to take months and sometimes even years, but now this amount will be disbursed through DBT without any verification from SAI or the Sporting Federations.

A lot of NSFs are riddled with factionalism, and a few NSFs have two parallel bodies, which affects the athletes. What is the Government's view on this and how can this problem be solved?

The job of the Ministry is to be a facilitator and ensure that the sportspersons do not suffer. A few months ago, we decided to give provisional recognition to all the National Sporting Federations till December 31, 2022, with the condition that they get their constitution in line with the National Sports Development Code 2011. This was done so that our athletes going for major international tournaments, including CWG 2022, do not suffer.

Are you satisfied with the functioning of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and its impact?

The TOPS has been a very successful programme. It has been able to plug the gaps that exist in the elite and development athletes' training and competition calendars. A substantial part of the training and competition schedule for the athletes is supported by the ministry's assistance to the National Sports Federations under the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) scheme. The gaps, if any, are taken care of by TOPS. TOPS stepped in when Mirabai Chanu needed to travel to St. Louis in the United States at short notice before the Olympic Games. It was managed in a day so that she could leave before the U.S. stopped flights originating in India. Another example is that of Neeraj Chopra going to Chula Vista so that he could return to training without any distractions and prepare for the World Athletics Championships. The NSDF (National Sports Development Fund) Scheme of our Ministry supports TOPS for our core and development athletes. With top corporations and PSUs showing interest in supporting sports in India, the future is very bright for Indian sports. Just recently, we launched a new website and portal for the NSDF wherein any individual, organisation or corporation can contribute any amount towards any sport, any athlete, or any event of their choice. I appeal to the business community of our nation to come forward and adopt a game, adopt an athlete, adopt an academy of their choice and support our sportspersons.

Sense of pride: The Target Olympic Podium Scheme has been very successful, says Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur. • R.V. MOORTHY

What will you tell a youngster wanting to carve a career in sports?

We are changing the sporting ecosystem to make it conducive for our sportspersons – be it the elite athletes or the grassroots talent. We have a clear system in place. We focus on talent identification and grassroots development through our 523 Khelo India Centres at the district level and through the SAI training centres and NCOEs. We focus on their next stage of development through the 247 Khelo India Academies and 29 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence. We focus on their world-class training and support through our National Centres of Excellence. We are also organising competitions across sporting disciplines for the players to have maximum match-day exposure. For example, we are conducting dedicated Khelo India Women's Leagues across nine disciplines – hockey, archery, weightlifting, cycling, boxing, swimming, wrestling, volleyball and judo. Through these leagues, more than 23,000 women athletes will participate in these competitions. So, our aim is to make India a sporting powerhouse in the world and our youngsters will be the ones who will excel.

When we talk about the promotion of sports, should we talk about the promotion of medals or the promotion of sports at the basic level? How can we get more Indian children to play? Does the government have plans to make sports an integral part of all school curricula?

Culturally, we must engage with physical activity at a very intimate level if we want to gain a presence on the global sporting stage. Across all sections of society, there is a need to have a heightened awareness and understanding of sports. As a nation, we need to work on improving levels of our physical literacy, appreciating and taking ownership of physical activities in daily life. The FIT India movement, aimed at being a people's movement, has proved to be crucial in building strong awareness about the importance of staying fit and active. The National Education Policy 2020 has emphasised the importance of sports and physical activity as a vital part of our education systems. Structural changes are in the pipeline to ensure sports-integrated learning will be undertaken in classrooms to help children develop a fitness aptitude and improved physical literacy. Its implementation by State governments could prove to be a turning point not only for our education system but also for the sports systems in India.

Scan for full interview:

Axar's career-best blasts India to series-clinching win

Record run chase at the Queen's Park Oval possible with contributions from Shreyas and Samson also

INDIA IN WI

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PORT OF SPAIN

Axar Patel's career-best 64 not out lifted India to a series-clinching two-wicket win with two balls to spare over the West Indies in the second One-Day International of a three-match series at Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Sunday.

After Shai Hope's assured 115 in his 100th ODI paced the home side to a competitive 311 for six, India was indebted to Axar's bludgeoning innings off just 35 balls.

Timely knock: With India needing nearly 11 runs per over when he walked in, Man-of-the-Match Axar delivered in style to give the team a 2-0 lead. • AFP

Good run

Three fours and five sixes highlighted the left-hander's spectacular effort in which 100 runs came off the last 58 balls of the match to give India an unbeatable 2-0 lead and extended its winning streak against the West Indies. Kyle Mayers, who bowled the last over with India needing eight runs, looked on course to denying the visitors until a full-toss was smashed for a straight six by Axar to obliterate the previous record of 272 by the West Indies against Pakistan in 1988 as the highest successful ODI run-chase at the venue.

Shreyas Iyer (63) and Sanju Samson (54) had gotten India back on course after early setbacks,but it was Axar's intervention that made all the difference.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: 311/6 in 50 overs

INDIA

Shikhar Dhawan c Mayers b Shepherd 13 *(31b)*, Shubman Gill c & b Mayers 43 *(49b, 5x4)*, Shreyas Iyer lbw b Joseph 63 *(71b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Mayers 9 *(8b, 1x6)*, Sanju Samson run out 54 *(51b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Deepak Hooda c Walsh b Hosein 33 *(36b, 2x4)*, Axar Patel (not out) 64 *(35b, 3x4, 5x6)*, Shardul Thakur c Brooks b Joseph 3 *(6b)*, Avesh Khan c Brooks b Seales 10 *(12b, 2x4)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (b-6, lb-7, w-4, nb-2): 19; Total (for eight wkts. in 49.4 overs): 312.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-48 (Dhawan, 10.6 overs), 2-66 (Gill, 15.4), 3-79 (Suryakumar, 17.2), 4-178 (Shreyas, 32.6), 5-205 (Samson, 38.4), 6-256 (Hooda, 44.1), 7-280 (Shardul, 45.5), 8-304 (Avesh, 48.6).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

Joseph 10-1-46-2, Seales 10-0-40-1, Shepherd 10-0-69-1, Mayers 7.4-0-48-2, Hosein 9-0-72-1, Walsh 3-0-24-0.

Third and final ODI: July 27, Queen's Park Oval, 7 p.m. IST.

India-B can spring surprises: Judit

'Carlsen could make a comeback to Worlds cycle'

CHESS

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

"Last year's World Championship match was not the last for Magnus (Carlsen). One way or the other, I think, in four years or whatever number of years, we are going to be seeing him playing an official or unofficial... but some kind of matchup with the second best player in the world."

That's Judit Polgar, the greatest woman chess player on the all-time list, expressing her gut feeling that Carlsen, despite declining to defend his World title, could make a comeback to the World championship cycle in future.

Judit Polgar. • FILE PHOTO

Path breaker

Known for breaching the male bastion in the chess world and reaching a high of No. 8 in the world rankings, Judit, at 45, will be part of the commentary team in the upcoming Chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram this month end.

Upright views

The youngest in the World's top-100 list at 12, and a Grandmaster at 14 after breaking Bobby Fischer's record, today Judit retains the respect for her upright views as a commentator.

Asked about the Indian prospects, especially of the young India-B team, Judit said, "With India-B, the team obviously will bring some surprises. Maybe some people will not be surprised because they know how good they are.

"I think they will not catch a medal because somehow it would be too optimistic. But I definitely think that they can easily be in the top-10 because they are extremely motivated. For sure, they are going to be enjoying it a lot, showing their strengths and their teeth and how they can bite."

About top-seeded India in the women section, she said, "Of course, India is the great favourite. I'm not sure we can say that they are the greatest favourites, as much as the US in the Open section. But obviously they are taking it extremely seriously. They are extremely motivated to play at home. Great opportunity to show how they can perform."

IOA makes request to provide accreditation for Lovlina's coach

Boxer had lamented how Sandhya's absence had affected her preparation for the Commonwealth Games

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Following Lovlina Borgohain's lament about her coach Sandhya Gurung's absence in the Games Village, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Monday made a special request to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Organising Committee (BCGOC) to provide accreditation to the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist boxer's coach.

After a special meeting of its top officials late in the evening, IOA acting president Anil Khanna, in a statement, said that the matter of Sandhya's accreditation was a 'late request'.

"However, given the IOA places the convenience of the Indian athletes at the highest level, a special request has been made to the BCGOC on a priority basis to provide Gurung with the requisite accreditation," said the statement.

"It is with a lot of sadness that I say that I have been experiencing a lot of harassment," Borgohain had said in tweet that went viral.

Lovlina. • PTI

"Every time my coaches who helped me win a medal at the Olympics have been removed from my training process and competition. One of these coaches, Sandhya Gurung ji, is also a Dronacharya awardee. Despite thousands of requests, they are always allowed late for my training. This hampers my training and puts me through a lot of hardships and mental harassment.

"Now, my coach Sandhya Gurung ji is out of the Commonwealth Village as she is not allowed entry and my training has been brought to a halt eight days before the Games. My other coach has been sent back to India, despite me requesting multiple times. I don't understand how I am supposed to focus on my game. This situation ruined my performance during the last World championships also. I don't want this politics to ruin my Commonwealth Games too. I hope I can break through this politics and win a medal for my country. Jai Hind," she said.

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) secretary Hemanta Kalita told *The Hindu* that the federation tried its best to get an accreditation for Sandhya so that she could stay with the team even though sending personal coaches was a problem.

Duplantis soars, Amusan hurdles to World records

Olympic champs Mu, Mihambo reign; Mayer is best decathlete; US 4x400 relay teams on song

Phenoms: The incredible Duplantis touched another high, while Amusan blazed away with two sizzling runs in the 100m hurdles. • AFP

WORLD C'SHIPS

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EUGENE

Armand Duplantis wrapped up the World Athletics Championships in stunning fashion on Sunday, setting a new World record in the pole vault.

As the curtain came down on the 10-day global track and field extravaganza, all eyes were on Duplantis. And, the 22-year-old Swede did not disappoint, sailing with ease over 6.21m on his second attempt.

The new mark bettered by 1cm his previous best set when winning gold at the World Indoor Championships in Belgrade in March. It was his fifth World record, and third this year.

Unheralded Nigerian Tobi Amusan had earlier stolen the show with two electric runs on her way to gold in the 100m hurdles. In the very first event of a loaded evening of track, people had barely had the chance to sit down before Amusan rocketed to a new World record of 12.12s in the semifinals.

When she returned to the track later, the Nigerian stormed to victory in 12.06s, although a tailwind speed of 2.5mps meant it wouldn't go down in the freshly-inked record books.

Living up to the hype

American Athing Mu lived up to her hype by adding the World 800m title to her Olympic crown, while another gold medallist from last year's Olympics, Germany's Malaika Mihambo, retained her long jump title.

But Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei floundered in a 5000m race won convincingly by Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen, who bounced back from the disappointment of silver in the 1500m.

In the absence of Olympic champion Damian Warner of Canada, France's Kevin Mayer claimed a second World decathlon gold.

Consolidating their place atop the medals table with a World championship record of 33 (13 gold, nine silver, 11 bronze), the United States claimed emphatic victories in both 4x400m relay finals.

The results:

Men: 35km race walk: 1. Massimo Stano (Ita) 2:23:14s, 2. Masatora Kawano (Jpn) 2:23:15, 3. Perseus Karlstrom (Swe) 2:23:44.

Pole vault: 1. Armand Duplantis (Swe) 6.21m (WR), 2. Christopher Nilsen (USA) 5.94, 3. Ernest John Obiena (Phi) 5.94.

5000m: 1. Jakob Ingebrigtsen (Nor) 13:09.24s, 2. Jakob Krop (Ken) 13:09.98, 3. Oscar Chelimo (Uga) 13:10.20.

Decathlon: 1. Kevin Mayer (Fra) 8816 pts, 2. Pierce Lepage (Can) 8701, 3. Zachery Ziemek (USA) 8676.

4x400m relay: 1. USA 2:56.17m, 2. Jamaica 2:58.58, 3. Belgium 2:58.72.

Women: Long jump: 1. Malaiaka Mihambo (Ger) 7.12m, 2. Ese Brume (Ngr) 7.02, 3. Leticia Oro Melo (Bra) 6.89.

800m: 1. Athing Mu (USA) 1:56.30s, 2. Keely Hodgkinson (GBr) 1:56.38, 3. Mary Moraa (Ken) 1:56.71.

100m hurdles: 1. Tobi Amusan (Ngr) 12.06s, 2. Britany Anderson (Jam) 12.23, 3. Jasmine Camacho-Quinn (Pur) 12.23.

4x400m relay: 1. USA 3:17.79s, 2. Jamaica 3:20.74, 3. Great Britain 3:22.64.

Final Medals Table (Top 5)

	Country	G	S	B	Total
1	USA	13	9	11	33
2	Ethiopia	4	4	2	10
3	Jamaica	2	7	1	10
4	Kenya	2	5	3	10
5	China	2	1	3	6
33	India	0	1	0	1

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 2nd Test, day 3, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Chou and Tai win Taipei Open titles

TAIPEI

Local favourites Chou Tien-Chen and Tai Tzu-ying brought cheer to the home crowd by claiming the men's and women's singles titles at the Taipei Open Super 300 tournament here on Sunday.
The results (finals): Men: Chou Tien-Chen (Tpe) bt Kodai Naraoka (Jpn) 14-21, 21-10, 21-6; **Women:** Tai Tzu-Ying (Tpe) bt Saena Kawakami (Jpn) 21-17, 21-16.

Extra day's races in Bengaluru on Aug. 12

BENGALURU

The Stewards of Bangalore Turf Club have decided to conduct an extra race day on August 12 (Friday).

Ramkumar in main draw of Atlanta ATP event

ATLANTA

Ramkumar Ramanathan defeated fourth seed Jack Draper 7-6(6), 3-6, 7-6(2) in the second and final qualifying round of the $792,980 ATP tennis tournament in Atlanta. In the first round, Ramkumar downed Stefan Kozlov of USA 6-0, 6-1. In the main draw, Ramkumar will play wild card Ben Shelton of the USA.

CWG: Nandi is women's gymnastic team coach

NEW DELHI

Gymnastics coach Bisheshwar Nandi, who guided Dipa Karmakar to a historic fourth place finish at the 2016 Rio Olympics, has been named coach of the Indian women's team for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in place of controversial Rohit Jaiswal. Jaiswal, who was earlier designated as the women's team coach, was dropped after he was accused by gymnast Aruna Budda Reddy for videographing her without her consent. PTI

India can repeat Thomas Cup show: Satwik

'The preparations for Commonwealth Games have been really good and the mood is upbeat'

BADMINTON

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Fine tuning: Chirag and Satwiksairaj are all ears to coach Boe's words of advice. • V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

India's top men's doubles shuttler R. Satwiksairaj believes the national team can pull off a repeat of its Thomas Cup (historic title-triumph) performance at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

"Now, we know the art of winning team events much better. The Thomas Cup win was proof of that.

"The preparations have been really good and the mood is upbeat," Satwik told *The Hindu* after a last training session at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here.

"We (he and partner Chirag Shetty) want to change the colour of the medal in men's doubles (silver last time)," he said.

"Honestly, Chirag is a totally different player. Earlier, mostly, I used to control the game.

"Now, he has gone to the next level with great consistency and quality," Satwik said.

"We are all excited and keen to defend the team title (mixed team event). We have the quality and depth in the team which can take on the best," Satwik said.

"Yes, there were some innovations to ensure that we are mentally and physically fit for the challenge ahead. Credit goes to Mathias Boe (doubles coach) for his smart planning which ensured the training sessions were short and had quality," said Satwik, who with Chirag Shetty is ranked World No. 8.

World-class players

"I believe this Indian team is a force to reckon with and every one is a world-class player and importantly all of them have been in good form in the recent past," he said.

"Definitely, I am eager to meet some of the greatest athletes who assemble at the Games.

"It is such an inspiration to mingle with such athletes. And, my elder brother's family from the US will be there to cheer us on," he signed off.

Mendis puts Sri Lanka in command

Agha Salman leads Pakistan's resistance

Star turn: Ramesh Mendis shone with both bat and ball to put Sri Lanka in the ascendancy • AFP

PAKISTAN IN SL

REUTERS
COLOMBO

Ramesh Mendis chipped in with a lower order cameo and then claimed three wickets for 42 runs to put Sri Lanka on course for a significant first innings lead against Pakistan on day two of the second Test in Galle on Monday.

Batting at number nine, Mendis contributed 35 in Sri Lanka's 378 all out.

The off-spinner then returned to wreck Pakistan's middle order and the tourists finished day two on 191 for seven, still 187 behind.

Agha Salman led Pakistan's fightback with a defiant 62 before being dismissed in the final delivery of the day.

Yasir Shah survived 61 balls, and an lbw decision against him that was reversed, for his 13 not out.

Earlier Naseem Shah and spinner Yasir split the last four Sri Lankan wickets.

Niroshan Dickwella struck 51 and Mendis proved he was no dud with the bat to frustrate Pakistan.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka—1st innings: Oshada Fernando c Rizwan b Nawaz 50, Dimuth Karunaratne c Naseem b Yasir 40, Kusal Mendis run out 3, Angelo Mathews c Rizwan b Nauman 42, Dinesh Chandimal c Fawad b Nawaz 80, Dhananjaya de Silva b Naseem 33, Niroshan Dickwella c Rizwan b Naseem 51, Dunith Wellalage c Azam b Naseem 11, Ramesh Mendis b Yasir 35, Prabhath Jayasuriya lbw b Yasir 8, Asitha Fernando (not out) 4; Extras (b-4, lb-5, nb-12): 21; Total (in 103 overs): 378.

Fall of wickets: 1-92, 2-96, 3-120, 4-195, 5-258, 6-290, 7-327, 8-333, 9-353.

Pakistan bowling: Hasan 17-3-59-0, Naseem 18-3-58-3, Nauman 21-2-64-1, Agha 6-0-25-0, Nawaz 19-3-80-2, Yasir 22-2-83-3.

Pakistan— 1st innings: Abdullah Shafique b Fernando 0, Imam-ul-Haq b de Silva 32, Babar Azam b Jayasuriya 16, Mohammad Rizwan lbw b R. Mendis 24, Fawad Alam lbw b R. Mendis 24, Agha Salman c de Silva b Jayasuriya 62, Mohammad Nawaz c Dickwella b R. Mendis 12, Yasir Shah (batting) 13; Extras (b-8): 8; Total (for seven wkts. in 69.4 overs): 191.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-35, 3-65, 4-88, 5-119, 6-145, 7-191.

Sri Lanka bowling: Fernando 14-1-49-1, Jayasuriya 27.4-7-59-2, R. Mendis 18-5-42-3, de Silva 4-0-15-1, Wellalage 6-1-18-0.

Triple crown for Muddappa

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Roaring away: Mudappa won three out of the four categories he participated in. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Hemanth Muddappa (Mantra Racing) continued his domination in the MMSC FMSCI National Motorcycle drag racing championships, with a triple crown in the season-opener which concluded at the Madras International Circuit on Sunday.

The nine-time National champion, participating in four different categories, emerged triumphant in three (one of them a support race).

But his exploits notwithstanding, it was Alimon Saidalvi who was the quickest rider over the weekend as he topped the Unrestricted category, clocking 07.775 seconds for the 302-metre dash on a Kawasaki Ninja.

The results (all 4-Stroke): National Championship: Unrestricted: 1. Alimon Saidalvi (07.775secs); 2. Attaullah Baig (08.090s); 3. Siddharth Ratan Parmar (08.254s).

Super Sport: 1051-1650cc: 1. Hemanth Muddappa (Mantra Racing) (08.228s); 2. Vignesh Purushotham (08.309s); 3. Hafizullah Khan (08.398s); **551-850cc:** 1. Muddappa (08.614s); 2. Siddharth Ratan Parmar (08.788s); 3. Saurabh Parab (09.086s); **Indian 361-550cc:** 1. Hussain Khan (12.247s); 2. Aiyaz (12.350s); 3. Bharath Raj (12.691s).

Support race: Super Sport 851-1050cc: 1. Muddappa (08.013s); 2. Khaja Awais Ahmed (08.281s); 3. Saurabh Parab (08.325); **Support race: Super Sport 166-225cc:** 1. M. Badhusha (13.639s); 2. P. Srikkanth (14.054s); 3. M. Karthik (15.324s).

Williamson returns, to lead in Windies tour

CRICKET

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WELLINGTON

Captain Kane Williamson will return from a short break to lead a strengthened New Zealand cricket team on its first tour of the Caribbean in eight years.

Packed schedule

New Zealand will play the West Indies in three One-Day Internationals and three T20Is in a packed August 10-21 schedule. The first match is the opening T20 on August 10 at Kingston, Jamaica.

Batters Tom Latham and Devon Conway and fast bowlers Trent Boult and Tim Southee also will rejoin the team after returning home early from its recent tours of England, Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands.

Kane Williamson. • REUTERS

The squad: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Finn Allen, Trent Boult, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Martin Guptill, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi and Tim Southee.

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Ahida cruises ahead

Ahida Singh of Karnataka defeated Madhumitha Ramesh of Tamil Nadu 6-1, 6-0 in the girls' first round of the Karnataka AITA Super Series Under-16 tournament at KSLTA courts on Monday.

Shreyas stars for Cavaliers

Shreyas Gowda's 118 powered Cavaliers CC past Neptune CC in the KSCA Group I, III Division league tournament here.

The scores:

Neptune 244 in 45.3 overs (D.R. Ganesh 30, Suneel Raju 56, Hitalrith Ashok 44, V. Abhiram 32 n.o., Akshay Patil 3/56) lost to Cavaliers 248/7 in 46.2 overs (Shreyas Gowda 118, S. Deepak 40, A.S. Saleem 3/57).

Hammonds 266 in 49 overs (Tarun Manohar 33, Arvind 108, Abhishek Joseph 43 n.o., Abhinav Rangappa 3/53) lost to Century Cricketers 267/6 in 48.3 overs (Ashish Dhar 64, Amit Verma 80, S.P. Manjunath 26, N. Bharath 28 n.o.).

Engrades 159 in 40.2 overs (S. Ramanji 39, Balu Dilip 41, Saurabh Srivasthav 3/20, Prasanna Patilkulkarni 3/34) lost to Visweswarapuram (1) 162/3 in 27 overs (Nithin Gopalakrishna 96 n.o., Saurabh Srivasthav 26 n.o.).

Visweswarapuram (2) 117 in 43.1 overs (Virender Singh 29, B. Harsha 3/15, Roshan Ashwathaiah 3/22) lost to Dooravani Cricketers (1) 118/8 in 33 overs (J. Divakar 30, Suneel Kashyap 3/43).

RV College of Engineering 197 in 34 overs (Sumanth Bharadwaj 43, Pavanks 42, H.K. Vishwanath 50, Shikhar Shetty 3/27, Mann Daxesh 3/46) bt Jolly Cricketers 182 in 33.4 overs (Jairam Srinivas 37, Vishwas 33, A.S. Nikhil 28, Piyush Singh 4/29).

Hanumanthanagar 138 in 27.2 overs (P.S. Vikram 28, Roshan Shetty 30, Shivam Shukla 3/21) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 139/6 in 28.2 overs (Aman Raj 48, Prajwal Prakash 3/25).

Words of wisdom: The Sports School hosted an interactive session on Monday with chief National coach P. Gopichand, who is also the chief mentor for badminton programmes, in association with Badminton Gurukul at The Sports School. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tenpin Bowling Championships

The Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling Association (KSTBA) will conduct the 7th K. Damodar & Co. Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling Championships, from 25 to 29 July at Amoeba here.

Defending champions Akaash Ashok Kumar (men's category) and J. Preemal (women's category) will be seen in action.

A total prize money of ₹1.35 lakh is at stake.

Scotland cricket scandal: report published

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STERLING

The leadership of Scottish cricket was found to be institutionally racist by an independent review, dealing another major blow to the sport after a similar scandal in England.

The review was published on Monday following a seven-month investigation sparked by allegations from Scotland's all-time leading wicket-taker, Majid Haq, and his former teammate Qasim Sheikh.

It found that governing body, Cricket Scotland, failed in 29 out of 31 indicators of institutional racism set out by a consultancy firm leading the investigation. The body only partially passed the other two tests and there were 448 examples of institutional racism.

Hundreds of people came forward to recount their experiences. From those conversations, 68 individual concerns have been referred for further investigation, including 31 allegations of racism against 15 people, two clubs and one regional association.

Lamha springs a surprise in feature event

HYDERABAD: The 15-to-1 long shot Lamha (Abhay Singh up) won the Raja Mahboob Karan Memorial Cup, the feature event of Monday's (July 25) races here. The winner is owned by Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra. R.H. Sequeira trains the winner. Sequeira and jockey Akshay Kumar scored a treble each.

1. ROYSTON ROCK PLATE (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only: **SUPERSTELLAR** (Gaurav Singh) 1, Bien Pensant (Surya Prakash) 2, The Thriller (P. Gaddam) 3 and Code Blue (Akshay Kumar) 4. 2, 2 and 3/4. 1m, 14.51s. ₹39 (w), 15, 30 and 130 (p). SHP: 102, THP: 250, SHW: 18 and 55, FP: 559, Q: 353, Tanala: 13, 871. Favourite: Code Blue. Owner: Mr. Arun Alagappan. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

2. KOTHAGUDEM PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **HARD TO TOSS** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Malaala (D.S. Deora) 2, Plethora (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Ok Boss (Kiran Naidu) 4. 3, 1-1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 14.27s. ₹13 (w), 10, 14 and 27 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 51, SHW: 12 and 30, FP: 51, Q: 33, Tanala: 313. Favourite: Hard To Toss. Owners: Mr. Srikanth Badruka & Mr. K.S.N. Murthy. Trainer: D. Netto.

3. FALAKNUMA CUP (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **PRINCESS DAKA** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Grand Duke (R.S. Jodha) 2, Advance Guard (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Ice Berry (Gaurav Singh) 4. 3-3/4, 2-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 40.57s. ₹17 (w), 10, 15 and 32 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 79, SHW: 10 and 39, FP: 61, Q: 46, Tanala: 570. Favourite: Princess Daka. Owner: Mr. Y. Damodar. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

4. KOTHAGUDEM PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **GREGOR CLEGANE** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Costello (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Doe A Deer (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Queen Blossom (Ishwar Singh) 4. 1-1/2, 3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 14.48s. ₹21 (w), 14, 13 and 36 (p). SHP: 32, THP: 71, SHW: 22 and 19, FP: 54, Q: 30, Tanala: 340. Favourite: Gregor Clegane. Owner: Mr. T. Amarender Reddy. Trainer: S. Sreekant.

5. FIRECREST PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **LIFES SONG** (Akshay Kumar) 1, City Of Bliss (B.R. Kumar) 2, Blissful (Kuldeep Singh) 3 and By The Bay (Suraj Narredu) 4. 3/4, 2-1/4 and 3. 1m, 12.91s. ₹34 (w), 13, 51 and 124 (p). SHP: 171, THP: 249, SHW: 24 and 81, FP: 918, Q: 807, Tanala: 1,01,741. Favourite: By The Bay. Owner: Mr. S. Pathy. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

6. RAJA MAHBOOB KARAN MEMORIAL CUP (1,600m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **LAMHA** (Abhay Singh) 1, City Of Blessing (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Fire Power (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Icicle (Suraj Narredu) 4. Hd, Nk and 1/2. 1m, 41.26s. ₹121 (w), 23, 18 and 10 (p). SHP: 61, THP: 76, SHW: 41 and 36, FP: 776, Q: 382, Tanala: 1,860. Favourite: Icicle. Owners: Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

7. ANAB E SHAHI PLATE (1,400m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): **STARWALT** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Exponent (Nakhat Singh) 2, Astronaut (P. Gaddam) 3 and Healthandhappiness (B. Nikhil) 4. 2-1/4, Nk and 2. 1m, 28.65s. ₹21 (w), 10, 25 and 17 (p). SHP: 85, THP: 43, SHW: 20 and 43 (p). FP: 139, Q: 87, Tanala: 486. Favourite: Starwalt. Owner: Mr. C.S. Kaushik. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

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